

# GREENVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

*will be the leader in educational offerings, student performance and community involvement, and will maximize the potential of each and every student.*

Douglas W. Fries  
Superintendent

## Business Advisory Council Joint Statement March 2022

During the 2021-2022 school year the long-standing Business Advisory Committee did continue to implement the required Business Advisory Council Plan and all requirements associated with the plan. The dates the committee met were September 2, 2021, November 4, 2021, January 6, 2022, March 3, 2022, and the next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2022.

Members of the Business Advisory Committee are made up of local or regional businesses, workforce or economic development representatives, local Chamber of Commerce, local business or industry associates and other representatives or organizations with knowledge of local economy. Members also include a representative to the Board of Education, Mrs. Strawser, and the school Superintendent, Mr. Fries. Each member to the Business Advisory Committee was board approved.

The B.A.C. did establish a chairman who was Kara Allread. Kara has served in this capacity for ten years. The chairman did collaborate with the Superintendent to establish meeting agendas, discussion topics, and group activities for the year. A copy of the 2021-2022 B.A.C. agendas are added to the website.

Different members of the Business Advisory Board did attend the regular Board of Education meetings occasionally. There was a report provided monthly at the Board of Education meeting by the board representative, or Superintendent, highlighting activities on upcoming or past meetings of the B.A.C. during the 2021-2022 school year.

This year, during the Business Advisory meetings, discussion took place related to determining employment skills today and developing curriculum to instill these skills. Much discussion related to Career Tech skills and the necessary soft skills to become a positive contributor to the area workforce. There was also much discussion around the types of employment in which future jobs are most likely to be available. Additional discussion about the newest Project Life program and Construction Technology program implementation continued to be discussed.

During 2021-2022 the B.A.C. has continued to develop an ongoing working relationship among local businesses, labor, and educational personnel. This is evident by the local businesses, workforce development, and the Greenville City School District working together on the fall Manufacturing Day tours for sophomores, junior Job Shadow Week in November, and the In-Demand Career presentations conducted in January and February for high school students. Emerging Workforce activities also included a 20 Under 20 Award program recognition for students working for business and industry, and the running of another summer Manufacturing Camp for junior high students.

Each B.A.C. meeting this year also allowed time for Greenville City School highlights and updates, as well as updates from the Darke County Economic Development/Workforce Initiative, the City of Greenville, and the Chamber of Commerce/Coalition for Healthy Darke County. These presentations generated positive collaboration among all BAC members.

Much discussion again this year also involved sharing between business and education on effective ways to continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and keeping businesses and school open.

Other key initiatives the B.A.C. focused on this year were Career Tech updates, iPad lease program, local workforce market discussion, field house project update, special education report card, and curriculum and Manufacturing Camp updates.

The final B.A.C. meeting of the year for 2021-2022 will be May 5, 2022.



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Kara Allread  
Chairman, B.A.C.

