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**Brown County Business Advisory Council**

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**Joint Statement of the Brown County Business Advisory Council**

The Brown County Business Advisory Council includes the following school districts: Brown County Educational Service Center, Eastern Local, Fayetteville-Perry, Georgetown EV, Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington, Western Brown. In addition, business partners from a wide variety of areas are a part of the council. We also include governmental agencies like Ohio Means Jobs, Brown County Commissioners, Brown County Libraries, Addiction Services and private entities such as GRIT/Future Plans and Inter-alliance.

The main goal of the council for 2021-22 was to increase the participation rate of students taking the GRIT Assessment and Coaching. This has been an ongoing goal for several years as the council sees the importance of the career assessment and coaching of our students. The assessment helps students to find the jobs/careers they are most interested in. Coaching sessions help identify areas of strength and possible career paths for students. The BAC was able to expand to several school districts including Ripley, Western Brown and Fayetteville. The GRIT Program has employed several local students as school liaisons and in the marketing of the program.

Activities such as the Human Library during the county fair had over 40 business partners available for students to talk with and explore interests in various types of jobs and careers. Career Fairs, Career Curriculum Boards, and Real-World Real Money are other activities designed to enlighten students to the possibilities out there for them.

Another priority was to continue the 40 Developmental Assets Program. Local districts, in conjunction with the Brown County ESC, have Career Liaisons that provide various activities in the schools. Many of these focus on the soft skills necessary in the job and career arena.

The Brown County Business Council welcomes new partners and opportunities. If interested in being a part, please contact Bill Garrett at the Brown county Educational Service Center.

