



**Business Advisory  
Councils**

## 2023 Joint Statement Template for Business Advisory Councils

*Joint Statements must be made publicly available by March 1, 2023.*

**Name of Business Advisory Council:** Marion Area Workforce Acceleration Collaborative (MAWAC)

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1. Are there any changes to your Business Advisory Councils' structure or leadership since you submitted your plan for this academic year? While our business partnerships have not changed, the individuals representing the businesses have changed considerably.
2. Of goals submitting in your 2023 Business Advisory Council Plan, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being goal accomplished. What goals were you able to accomplish? At this point, about a 6 (we have accomplished or are on our way to accomplishing several goals but need to work on others). Our first ever Empowered with Diversity Day was a success as well as our first Transition night. These were both targeted to promote and support our underrepresented populations (students of color and students with disabilities). All schools are utilizing career readiness programs (Naviance, YouScience) and most are working with industry partners for on- site speakers called Career Cafes or Lunch & Learn. Ridgedale is utilizing Inventionland to create and having Shark Tank style presentations.
  - a. What challenges have you experienced implementing your goals? For Marion City's attempt to utilize LJ Create, they had 3 teachers up to January with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lasting only a week. The course had to be absorbed by other programs. We continue to struggle with manufacturers agreeing to work-based learning opportunities.
3. What new partnerships have your Business Advisory Council formed for the SY23? We have added United Way, Junior Achievement, and Graphic Packaging to the MAWAC board. OhioHealth now has affiliation agreements with all schools and is now allowing students under the age of 18 to work in 5 positions in their company.

4. Have you added or removed any goals submitted in your SY23 Business Advisory Council Plans? If so, please provide details. None have been added or removed at this time.



5. Have you received any media coverage or participated in any case studies as a Business Advisory Council? If so, please share. We were recognized as one of Ohio's Three-Star Business Advisory Councils. Many of our events have been featured in the Marion Star Newspaper and its social media platforms:  
[Made in Marion Expo](#)

[Transition Night](#)

[Teacher Boot Camp for Manufacturing](#)

[Empowered by Diversity](#)

[Career Cafe](#)

