Ridgemont Local School District
Ms. Emmy M. Davis, Superintendent
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The Ridgemont Demonstration School of Workforce Development
Partnership Agreement

The Ohio State University Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership department’s mission is to prepare educators, communicators, and leaders in the food, agricultural, and environmental sciences to integrate research-based information through learning, practice, and engagement, in ways that will advance positive changes that strengthen individuals, families, and communities. Their guiding principles are to: reflect the standard of excellence in higher education through the integration of teaching, research, and outreach; create and maintain a collegial work environment where faculty, staff, and students function as a team to support and engage colleagues in our research, teaching, and engagement efforts; pursue important and relevant issues in the communities, state, nation, and world; function as an innovative department from which the next generation of students, research, policy impacts, and educational methodology emerge; provide leadership for collaboration in developing trans-institutional relationships and projects involving peers in the college, university, and around the world; be proactive in the pursuit of diversity in thoughts, ideas, and human capital portfolio; and demonstrate excellence in teaching.

The Ohio State University Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership agrees to partner with the subsequent strategies to contribute to the success of the bold and innovative solutions to advance the goals of Ridgemont Local Schools:

- Function as a virtual mentor to students and teachers at Ridgemont Local Schools
- Provide materials, resources and lab space to assist with research projects related to social sciences
- Connect career shadowing and/or internship opportunities for students and teachers
- Serve as an authentic audience for project based and service learning projects.
- Connect for virtual field trips to provide authentic experiences for youth
- Display art installations in the workplace
- Serve as a guest speaker, virtually with technology or live in person when possible
- Provide authentic content for real-world learning projects for teachers and students
- Enhance curricular connections through the collaboration with compatible partners that currently exist with The Ohio State University Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership

Ridgemont Local Schools agrees to reciprocate the succeeding strategies to provide a mutually beneficial partnership:

- Provide youth authentic opportunities to create skills to be prepared for the workforce
- Engage youth and staff in regular relations with curriculum areas that tie to cross curricular initiatives to workforce development
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• Reform curriculum to ensure every youth engages in project based learning with a workforce connection that prepares youth for leadership roles, as well as career and college readiness
• Bring local and global workforce needs to the forefront of Ridgemont’s educational initiatives
• Integrate real world connections into every classroom K-12
• Our school district will build students who have cultivated relationships with business and industry professionals prior to graduation
• Provide regular updates in work force development strides made by students and staff
• Include partnership information and updates in newsletters, newspapers, school webpages, etc.
• Collaborate with The Ohio State University Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership to conduct workshops and presentations to demonstrate the “Best Practices” at professional conferences and other venues.

Sincerely,

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