The Ridgemont Demonstration School of Workforce Development Partnership Agreement

The Alber Enterprise Center is an outreach service of The Ohio State University reporting to both Ohio State Marion and OSU Extension. The mission of the Center is to be a resource and educational tool committed to helping organizations improve their growth, sustainability and competitiveness through solutions focused on leadership development, continuous improvement, and innovation. We will create premier partnerships that stimulate positive change for sustainable economic growth in individuals, organizations, and communities.

The Ohio State University Alber Enterprise Center provides experienced consultants that can help identify areas that may be preventing Ridgemont from reaching their optimal success. Our performance consulting program offers customized workplace solutions by identifying needs, acquiring relevant data, and designing an action plan that can be implemented for maximum return on investment. Customized solutions can take the form of one-on-one coaching, classroom instruction on your site or ours, online courses, or a blended approach.

The Ohio State University Alber Enterprise Center 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
- 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 Alber Enterprise Center

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
- 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.
Ridgemont Local School District
Ms. Emmy M. Davis, Superintendent
Mr. Fred M. Reinemeyer, Treasurer

- Collaborate with The Ohio State University Alber Enterprise Center to conduct workshops and presentations to demonstrate the “Best Practices” at professional conferences and other venues.

Sincerely,

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