

RIDGEMONT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Emmy M. Davis, Superintendent

Mr. Fred M. Reinemeyer, Treasurer

The Ridgemont Demonstration School of Workforce Development Partnership Agreement

The Ohio State University Department of Food, Agricultural, Biological Engineering will continue to partner with Ridgemont Local School District to build upon an ongoing collaborative project funded by the USDA. This particular project facilitates interactions between high school and middle school students, teaching faculty, and graduate students to learn about the environmental impacts of agricultural drainage. The Ohio State University Food, Agricultural, Biological, and Engineering 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
- 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
- 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 Food, Agricultural, Biological, and Engineering

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.

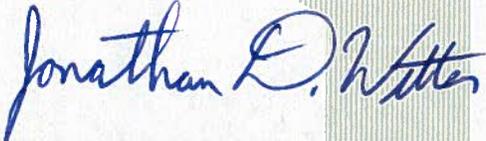
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- Collaborate with The Ohio State University Food, Agricultural, Biological, and Engineering to conduct workshops and presentations to demonstrate the "Best Practices" at professional conferences and other venues.

Sincerely,



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