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### **Superintendents Share Successes and Goals with Members**

Six school districts were represented in a panel discussion at MCEDC's February member meeting. Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Highland, Medina, Medina County Career Center, and Wadsworth shared the impact of the Medina County sales tax on their districts, how they measure success, how businesses can get involved with the schools, and recent highlights. A full summary of the answers can be read on our [website](#).

It is clear that the sales tax not only makes Medina County unique in the state, but also significantly benefits to our schools. Taking capital improvements out of the general



**MCEDC  
Member  
News**

M.W. Mielke was recognized by the Associated Builders and Contractors as a leading merit shop in 2016. Congratulations!

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Medina County Commissioner Adam Friedrich, has been elected to NOACA's Board as President for 2017. The NOACA Business Advisory Council will be headed up by our own Bethany Dentler!

operating budget means schools have more flexibility with programs and can keep their facilities and parking lots in good shape. County schools are also investing in technology, which enhances the academic successes of our students.

With the State of Ohio changing its evaluation standards each year, we asked the superintendents how they measure success. From ACT / SAT scores and honors diplomas, to district-level quality profiles, our local schools get creative in measuring their success. A number of districts are implementing strategic planning processes which have helped them determine what they should focus on and if they are on track.

County schools clearly are focusing on both college and career readiness. Businesses who want to partner with schools can offer plant tours, in school presentations, and job or intern opportunities to students. If you would like to get involved with your local school system, please contact us and we will connect you with the right people.

Finally, all of our school districts have a great deal to celebrate. From intercultural programs and all-day kindergarten to levies passed after 18 years and STEM programs implemented, our schools are leading the way in education, and we couldn't be more proud of the work they do.

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Congratulations to Barbara Faciana of Pleasant Valley Corporation - she has been invited to sit on Summa Health's Executive Board.

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#### BUSINESS ADVISING

Are you looking for business advice? Someone to help accelerate your business goals? Someone to hold you accountable and give you direction? SBDC at LCCC is here to offer one-on-one advising in all areas at NO CHARGE. Call: 440-366-4370

#### Ranking News

In a recent survey published by Smart Asset, Medina County was ranked 6th as the Most Paycheck-Friendly Places in Ohio. For more details, check out the study at <https://smartasset.com/taxes/ohio-paycheck-calculator#ohio/overall>

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In a recent business visit, we discovered how one company is dealing

with their recruiting challenges!





## **Introducing the the NEW Medina County Magazine & Community Guide**

**Image Builders Marketing, in cooperation with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation and the Medina County Convention and Visitors Bureau, is proud to announce the new Medina County Magazine & Community Guide.**

**This full color glossy magazine will be a valuable "go to" resource for the entire county highlighting the talented people and businesses and schools that make Medina County a great place to live, visit and do business!**

**\* 20,000 copies**

**\*Spring 2017 distribution throughout Medina County**

**\* Ads start at just \$295 including ad design**

**\* Front cover photo opportunity available with business profile in the Faces of Medina County special feature!**

**\* Magazine will be racked throughout the county at high traffic areas including City Halls, Chambers of Commerce, Medina County Convention and Visitors Bureau, hospitals, colleges, real estate offices, libraries, hotels all participating businesses etc.**

**\* Online magazine available with hyperlinks to all participating businesses**

**\* Long shelf life of 2 years!**

**For more information or to reserve your space, contact Brenda Jumpa at (330) 416-0200 or [bjumpa@imagebuildersmarketing.us](mailto:bjumpa@imagebuildersmarketing.us)**

**Are you having challenges with Workforce?**

## **You are not alone!**

**Come to the Employer Resources Expo on April 4, 2017  
from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**to meet workforce solutions partners from all over the county.  
These partners specialize in solving:**

- . Finding people who will stay with your company**
- Filling entry level positions**
- Training your workforce**
- Benefits Information**
- and more!**

**The Summit will also include breakout sessions:**

**9:00 am - 10:00 am, repeated at 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm:**

**"The Importance of the Voice of the Employee" by Mike Rao, The HR Group**

**10:00 am -11:00 am repeated at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm:**

**"Employee Benefit Trends" by Matt Baker, DS Benefits**

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm repeated at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm:**

"The absolute need for pre-employment testing" by Greg Thomas, Leadership Excellence

To register for a breakout session, call 330-722-9215 or email [kathyb@medinacounty.org](mailto:kathyb@medinacounty.org)

## Have You Registered for the Annual Meeting?



Join us for the MCEDC Annual Meeting on March 16, 2017 in Wadsworth. Networking begins at 5:30 followed by our featured speaker, Dr. Ned Hill. Dr. Hill is a faculty member at The Ohio State University and serves as the nonresident senior fellow of The Brookings Institution where he is affiliated with the Metropolitan Policy Program. His keynote is entitled, "*An Employer's Guide to Manufacturing, Workforce and Public Policy: The perfect way to ruin a good meal.*"

In addition, this gathering of nearly 200 members, community leaders, business executives and local elected officials will hear an update on our economic development successes from the previous year and learn what our plans are for the new year. We hope you can join us!

To register, visit <https://mcedcannualmeeting2017.eventbrite.com>

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