

# Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

## For the week ending Febuary 23 2024

Monday, February 19, 2024



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine joined leaders from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to announce that the Robert F. Wolfe and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation has made a \$50 million commitment to the hospital's new tower, set to open in 2026.

"Few people know, or will ever know, even half of the good works John F. Wolfe and Ann Wolfe put their shoulders behind to benefit Columbus and central Ohio. They preferred to be a quiet force for good with lasting impact," Governor DeWine said. "I think John F. Wolfe would be delighted about his family's continued efforts to improve the quality of life in central Ohio, and



health care is vital to quality of life."

Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine unveil the new sign for the Buckeye State Tree Nursery.

Governor DeWine joined Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director Mary Mertz to plant the first seeds in Ohio's new Buckeye State Tree Nursery.

"The opening of the Buckeye State Tree Nursery is a huge step toward protecting and replenishing forests across Ohio," said Governor DeWine. "Planting trees is an investment into our state's future, and by growing the seedlings right here in the Buckeye State, we are making that future even brighter for our children and grandchildren."

Tuesday, February 20, 2024



Associations representing Ohio's education and technology communities from across the state shared their support for the AI Toolkit launched by Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted and InnovateOhio last week. The resource empowers policymakers, superintendents, principals, IT staff, teachers, and parents to advance AI literacy in their school districts. It also provides resources that help promote student privacy, data security, ethics, and other factors.



Governor DeWine, in recognition of Career and Technical Education Month, visited Lima Senior High School to meet with students in the career tech programs to observe what the students are learning.

The Ohio Department of Development released official program guidelines for \$10 million

in grant funding available to support local fair access and economic impact.

The County & Independent Fairs Grant Program aims to support county and independent agricultural societies in promoting and improving their annual exhibitions, ensuring that fairs remain vibrant hubs in their communities.

"Fairs aren't just great agricultural education for our kids or entertainment for our communities, they're living showcases of our state's vibrant history and bright future," said Governor DeWine. "By investing in and improving these celebrated destinations, we're creating traditions and memories for generations of Ohioans to come."

Wednesday, February 21, 2024



Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel J. McElroy announced the launch of the Ohio Nursing Home Quality Navigator - a new online tool that provides users detailed information about nursing homes across the state in one convenient digital location.

A recommendation of the Governor's Nursing Home Quality & Accountability Task Force, the Navigator includes a searchable map of all active nursing homes in Ohio with care quality metrics, facility comparison functionality, and other features, such as staffing ratios, specialty services offered, and the number of health and safety violations a nursing home received. The tool is designed to empower Ohioans when considering a nursing home for themselves or a loved one.

"Our Task Force traveled to every corner of the state, listening to nursing home residents, their family members, friends, and caregivers. Time

and again, these people told us that the information they needed to make one of the most important decisions of their lives - where to live and receive care - was scattered across a variety of sources," Governor DeWine said. "We heard loud and clear that Ohioans making these decisions want an accessible, trusted, single source of information about nursing homes available at their fingertips. Our new online Navigator will accomplish just that, providing an unprecedented level of transparency about the quality of Ohio's nursing homes so people can make informed choices."

Thursday, February 22, 2024



Lt. Governor Husted provided remarks in Toledo at an event urging the federal Environmental Protection Agency to take a different path on two major regulations that would affect Ohio jobs and consumers' ability to purchase the cars and trucks they want.

Friday, February 23, 2024

Governor DeWine applauded changes to Ohio sports wagering rules that would remove collegiate prop bets from the list of legal bets that can be placed under Ohio's contractual rules for operators.

"The Ohio Casino Control Commission took quick action to protect student athletes from unnecessary and potentially harmful threats," said Governor DeWine. "Amending rules to focus bets on the team and away from individual athletes will improve the marketplace in Ohio and properly focus betting attention on the teams and away from individual student athletes."

# Governor, Lt. Governor Recognize Business-Education Partners for Connecting Students to Professional Skills and Real-World Experiences

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Director Stephen D. Dackin today announced Ohio's 2024 Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellent Business Advisory Councils. The Business Advisory Councils being honored demonstrate excellence developing professional skills for the future, building partnerships, and coordinating experiences, which contribute to preparing students for success.

"Ohio recognizes the vital role of Business Advisory Councils in fostering strong partnerships that benefit students across the state," Governor DeWine said. "These councils serve as bridges between classroom learning and real-world experience, creating dynamic learning environments that prepare students for future careers."

"I always say that those who collaborate best win and Business Advisory Councils are a prime example of that because they allow businesses to directly help schools better understand how to prepare students for career opportunities right in their local communities," said Lt. Governor Husted. "This helps businesses create a local talent pipeline and helps more students prepare for careers without college debt."

This application-based set of awards recognizes educators, business partners, staff, schools, businesses, educational service centers, joint vocational school districts, and communities that come together to create dynamic, career-focused learning environments for students. Award levels are detailed in the graphic below.

Star Rating for Business Advisory Councils "Business Advisory Councils create engaging opportunities for students to gain practical skills, connect with mentors, and learn about in-demand career skillsets in their communities," said Stephen D. Dackin, director of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. "Partnerships between businesses and education are crucial for



preparing students to be career ready upon graduation."

Ohio is proud to be home to 85 Business Advisory Councils that engage with schools and collaborate about business and workforce needs, as well as educational programming that responds to those needs. To highlight the work of these councils, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, in partnership with the Ohio Business Roundtable, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Ohio Excels, Ohio Restaurant Association and Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, developed Ohio's Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellent Business Advisory Councils. To learn more about the work of Business Advisory Council, visit the Business Advisory Councils webpage.

Business Advisory Council Excellence Award: Ohio's 2024 Four-Star Business Advisory Councils:

- BB2C
- Montgomery County ESC
- Noble Local Schools
- North Point ESC

Ohio's 2024 Three-Star Business Advisory Councils:

- Barberton
- ESC of Central Ohio
- Champaign County
- Tri-County ESC
- Athens-Meigs ESC
- Cincinnati Public Schools
- Columbiana County ESC
- Goshen Local Schools

- Hancock County ESC
- Lorain County ESC
- Marion Area Workforce Acceleration Collaborative
- Mercer County ESC
- Mid-Ohio ESC
- Muskingum Valley ESC
- New Lexington City
- Northwest Career Ready
- Piqua City Schools
- Preble County ESC
- Southern Ohio ESC
- Van Wert County BAC
- ESC of Northeast Ohio
- LinkedUp BAC
- ESC of Eastern Ohio
- Ohio's 2024 Two-Star Business Advisory Councils:
- ESC of the Western Reserve Geauga

- ESC of the Western Reserve Lake
- Paulding County BAC
- Springfield City Schools
- Ashtabula County BAC
- Brown County ESC
- Darke County ESC
- East Central Ohio ESC
- Jefferson County ESC
- Mentor Exempted Village Schools
- Medina County ESC
- West Clermont Local
- Award of Excellence in Developing Professional Skills - 2024**
- Building Bridges to Careers
- Montgomery County ESC
- Noble Local Schools
- Award of Excellence in Building Partnerships - 2024**
- ESC of Northeast Ohio
- Noble Local Schools
- Award of Excellence in Coordinating Experiences - 2024**
- Building Bridges to Careers
- Montgomery County ESC
- North Point ESC

### Business Advisory Councils

- Four-star councils** implement all quality practices throughout the year to create a culture of career-focused opportunities in alignment with in-demand occupations and provide supporting data.
- Three-star councils** implement many quality practices throughout the year to create a culture of career-focused opportunities for all students.
- Two-star councils** implement few quality practices and/or show insufficient evidence of implementation. Some quality practices are present; however, there is room for growth in implementation.
- One-star councils** are in the beginning stages of implementing quality practices or implement very few quality practices.