

# Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending March 8, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024



At Reading Junior Senior High School, Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted announced career tech equipment grant awardees.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced the first round of recipients of the Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program, which will expand career technical education access to an additional 10,345 students across the state. The funding helps schools purchase up-to-date equipment so they can better prepare students to be career-ready upon graduation.

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Governor DeWine visited Western Local Schools in Pike County for a ribbon-cutting and tour of the Western Career Exploration and Development Center. The new center provides space for students and adults to study, take online classes, work online, or receive tutoring.



Governor DeWine attended the grand opening of the Hillsboro Business Complex. Renovated with support from the JobsOhio Vi-

brant Community Program, the complex houses several businesses and will serve as a new hub for entrepreneurship in uptown Hillsboro.



Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine helped celebrate a new local partner in Richland County for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio: Richland County's Community Health Access Project.

First Lady DeWine spoke during a planned press conference at Mansfield's Buckeye Imagination Museum and read an Imagination Library book with children.

In March, 401,615 kids are enrolled in the program statewide, which means 60% of eligible kids are currently part of the program. Ohio's Imagination Library mails children one high-quality, age-appropriate book each month until their 5th birthday. All Ohio children — from birth to age 5 — are eligible to be enrolled in the program at no cost to their family by signing up here.



Lt. Governor Husted spoke at the Ohio Air Mobility Summit about how Ohio has played a vital role in the aerospace industry for over a hundred years.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Governor DeWine signed Executive Order 2024-3D to continue the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and reauthorize the Governor's Executive Workforce Board. The executive order also adds the responsibilities of advising the Department of Education and Workforce's Divisions of Primary and Secondary Education and Career-Technical Education regarding career readiness needs.



Lt. Governor Husted convened the Governor's Executive Workforce Board where he gave updates on workforce programs, including

career tech, and announced the launch of the Ohio Career Navigator, a new tool on OhioMeansJobs.com designed as a one-stop-shop for Ohioans to find resources that help them obtain in-demand skills, advance their education, and achieve their career goals. The career navigator brings resources from across multiple state agencies into one place, making the process of finding relevant information faster and easier.

"Ohio offers a variety of resources for those on their career or education journey, and it may be difficult for them to navigate if they don't know where to start," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Through Career Navigator, accessing the information you need is more personalized and centrally located so you can determine the best pathway for you. Now that the tool has launched, we look forward to collecting feedback from users and further improving on the technology so that it can be an even more helpful resource to Ohioans."

Governor DeWine issued the following statement on the death of former Ohio State Senator Ted Gray:

"Fran and I were very saddened to learn of the death of our friend, former State Senator Ted Gray.

"It was my lucky break to sit right next to Senator Gray when I served in the Ohio Senate. I learned so much from talking with him. He knew the history of the State Senate. And, he knew which policies had been tried before -- what worked and what didn't work.

"Senator Gray was a fountain of knowledge, information, and just plain common sense. He rose in the Senate ranks, and over time, he served as Senate Majority Leader, Senate Finance Committee Chairman, and Senate Pro Tempore. He represented thousands of Ohioans over his four decades in public office and made a lasting impact on our State.

"I am grateful to have served with Senator Gray, to have learned from him, and to have called him my friend. Fran and I extend our deepest condolences to his family."

Wednesday, March 6, 2024



Lt. Governor Husted traveled to the Buckeye Career Center in New Philadelphia to participate in a roundtable discussion with students and business partners to highlight how the career center is helping prepare the future workforce for local manufacturers, including Schaeffler. While at the career center, he also toured their four manufacturing labs.

The Buckeye Career Center was awarded

over \$2.8 million through the Career Tech Construction Grant to expand their medical programs to serve an additional 80 students per year. They also received \$696,430 from the Super RAPIDS program to grow their Advanced Manufacturing program.

Friday, March 8, 2024



Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted, director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced that the sixth annual In-Demand Jobs Week will take place May 6 to May 10, the first full workweek of May. In-Demand Jobs Week celebrates the many top jobs, industries, and skills across Ohio.

"Whether you are completing a certification, learning a new skill, or moving up in your career, Ohio's broad range of in-demand jobs means Ohio is truly the heart of opportunity," said Governor DeWine. "I encourage students and all Ohioans to attend an In-Demand Jobs Week event and explore all the options in your community."

"For this year's In-Demand Jobs Week, we're focusing on the fact that here in Ohio, we make the things the world needs to live and thrive," said Lt. Governor Husted. "From the food you eat, to the cars you drive, to the trucks that deliver it, to the airplanes that fly it, to the cloud that connects us all, to the chips that power our devices. Whether you are looking to start a new career or advance in your current one, there is opportunity here for you."



Governor DeWine announced that 11 certified crime laboratories will receive an additional \$3.4 million in funding as part of the Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program.

Governor DeWine created the Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program in 2022 to help Ohio crime laboratories reduce and eliminate backlogs, increase overall lab efficiency, and decrease evidence processing time.

"Criminal investigations depend on the timely work of dedicated forensic scientists and chemists at Ohio's crime labs," said Governor DeWine. "The initial \$10 million in funding awarded in 2022 was successful in helping crime labs significantly reduce backlogs, and this additional funding will help labs continue to keep their turnaround times down."



## Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Announce Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program Awards

March 04, 2024

(READING, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today announced the recipients of the Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program which will expand career technical education access to an additional 10,345 students across the state. The funding helps schools purchase up-to-date equipment so they can better prepare students to be career-ready upon graduation.

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Through the Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program, 56 schools will receive grants totaling more than \$67.7 million, expanding career technical education access to an additional 10,345 Ohio students. Recipients will use the funding to purchase new equipment for career technical and compact schools across Ohio for various programs including engineering, manufacturing, health sciences, construction, and more. Full List of Awards

"Ohio's career and technical education programs are essential to advancing workforce readiness opportunities for students," said Stephen D. Dackin, director of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. "These grants will ensure schools are providing dynamic teaching and learning experiences and giving students the hands-on training, essential knowledge, and valuable skills to succeed."

Funding for the Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program was included in the

2024-2025 state operating budget in addition to \$200 million for the Career Technical Construction Program. Announced by Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted in November of 2023, 35 schools received awards to update or expand their career tech facilities.

The second round of the Career Technical Education Equipment Grant will open later this spring. Schools interested in applying for the second round can visit [Workforce.Ohio.gov/CTEE-equipment](http://Workforce.Ohio.gov/CTEE-equipment).

