



BARRY CAREER ACCESS NETWORK Common Agenda

Urgency for Change

The 21st Century global economy demands a workforce with education and/or training beyond high school. In order to build and sustain a vibrant economy and healthy community, the Barry Career Access Network will strive to ensure that all students pursue and complete a post-high school certification or degree.

Purpose

The Barry Career Access Network will commit to:

- Removing barriers preventing any student within the Greater Barry County area from pursuing education and/or training beyond high school.
- Building a post-high school education and college culture of success within the Greater Barry County area.
- Delivering a comprehensive and coordinated set of post-high school access services to students.
- Supporting students from low-income families or who are the first generation to pursue post-high school education and/or training.

Goals

All Greater Barry County area students will...

- Be socially, academically, and financially prepared for post-high school study;
- Enroll in post-high school education and/or training within six (6) months of high school graduation;
- Obtain post-high school certification or degree within six years of high school graduation.
- Goal 2025 – By the year 2025, 60% of Barry County workforce (ages 25-64) will have a high-quality credential, two-year or four-year degree.


Metrics

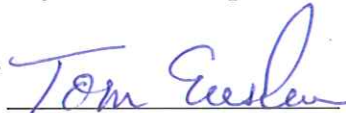
The Barry Career Access Network will:


- Increase the percentage of Greater Barry County 8th grade students aspiring to enter post-high school education, as measured by Career Cruising;
- Increase the percentage of Greater Barry County graduating cohort that have met or exceeded the college-ready benchmarks on all core subjects, as measured by statewide 11th grade college placement test;
- Increase the percentage of Greater Barry County graduating cohort that enroll at post-high school education institution within six (6) months of graduation;
- Increase the percentage of Greater Barry County graduating cohort who complete a FAFSA;

- Increase the percentage of Greater Barry County graduating cohort who persist for a second year of post-high school education;
- Increase the percentage of Greater Barry County graduating cohort who complete a post-high school credential within six (6) years of high school graduation.
- Increase the percentage of Greater Barry County residents age 25-34 with a post-high school certification or degree.


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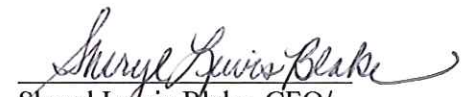

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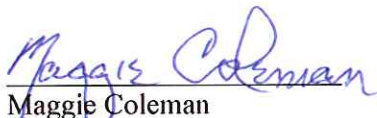

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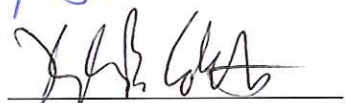

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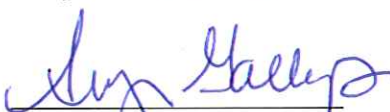

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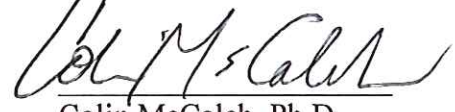

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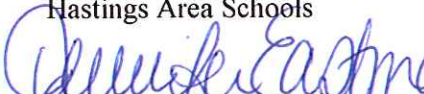

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