

2007 Breakout Session Ideas:

Determine two actions that the school system/business community must take to ensure a well-trained workforce. (Items in **Red** were the top choices by attendees - #1 first choice for each followed by other red ideas.)

Education

- 1. Establish a career pathway curriculum for Elem/Middle/High school to include: Teacher Internships in business and Book of Careers to include student internships and recertification during the summer months.**
2. Creation of technology certificate for students developed by business and education.
3. Discover every child's passion.
4. Develop peer groups to inspire excellence.
5. Board must support administrator's discipline/dress code enforcement.
6. Businesses more aware of what school systems have to offer (better communication).
- 7. Well coordinated approach to real life examples in order to convince the community that will help AYP.**
- 8. Teachers create relevance (work keys).**
- 9. The importance of career tech – not just 4 year institutions – for those not interested in 4 year institutions.**

Business

- 1. Provide quality internships for students and teachers (commitment).**
2. Create a book of careers: job descriptions, expectations, salaries, need, education.
- 3. Businesses must interact more w/schools/teachers (JA/PIE) – consistent interaction is needed.**
- 4. Apprentices/internships for students (rural counties need help from others).**
- 5. Help employees' families support education.**
6. Business people involved with students.
7. Better educate school and businesses on the importance of personal choices and behaviors for future opportunities.
8. A designated coordinator to reduce the channels and streamline ideas and communication – too many duplications.
9. Business/education monthly luncheons to share ideas and opportunities for partnership opportunities.