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Mentor Schools, Lakeland Community College, and Lake County Commissioners Forge Innovative Partnership to Strengthen Educational and Workforce Opportunities in Northeast Ohio

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, October 16, 2023– Lake County is at the forefront of educational and workforce innovation as Mentor Schools, Lakeland Community College, and Lake County Commissioners announce a new transformative partnership that will allow for a newly created Workforce Development position for both Mentor Schools and Lakeland Community College. This initiative is committed to enriching educational and workforce opportunities, bridging workforce training gaps, and enhancing prospects for students and residents throughout Northeast Ohio.

The partnership underscores our shared commitment to expanding and aligning workforce development in Lake County, ensuring brighter prospects for our students, and providing broader access to College Credit Plus (CCP) programs. Lake County Commissioners have generously supported this visionary collaboration, recognizing its potential to advance the educational and economic well-being of our residents.

"I am proud to spearhead this collaboration and further invest in the future of the young adults in Lake County. By combining resources with Lakeland and Mentor Schools, I believe Lake County will out itself in a unique position to better train our workforce for the future," said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

"I have been impressed with Dr. Glavan's passion for the futures of the youth in our community," noted Commission President John R. Hamercheck. "This partnership will allow him to utilize many more County-wide resources to make sure our students have access to CCP programs to get them ready to join our workforce."

Morris Beverage, President of Lakeland Community College, stated, "I want to thank the Commissioners for investing in this innovative partnership between Lakeland and Mentor Schools. We look forward to collaborating with our K-12 partners and local employers to provide students with a seamless transition from education to employment."

"I am excited to see the impact of this partnership on our community. Having a skilled workforce is essential for the future of Lake County, and this partnership will help deliver on that goal," said Commissioner John Plecnik.

Dr. Joe Glavan shared, "I am honored to lead this collaborative effort between Mentor Schools, Lakeland Community College, and our Lake County Commissioners. Together, we will work to ensure that our students have the tools they need to succeed in both higher education and the workforce. I look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with educators, employers, and community leaders to make a meaningful impact in Lake County and addressing the program capacity issues that are keeping northeast Ohio students and community members from potential future careers."



From the left: Commissioner John Plecnik, Morris W. Beverage, Jr. President of Lakeland Community College, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich, Dr. Joe Glavan, and Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

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