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Through the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium, a group of 29 Ohio education, community, and business partners received a \$13.6 million Straight A Grant from the Ohio Department of Education to lead a multi-year initiative to create an innovative model for community engagement and increasing the flow of young entrepreneurs in the state.

What is the goal of the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium?

The goal of the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium is to increase student achievement by building a robust education-to-employment model, impacting grades 6–14, exposing students to an array of business and technical pathways, work-based learning experiences, and leverage project-based learning that can prepare them to compete in the 21st century global economy.

What is the lasting value of the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium?

The substantial and lasting value of this Consortium will be to:

- Increase the flow of young entrepreneurs to grow local economies from Northeast to Southeast Ohio;
- Create a replicable template for a variety of business and technical pathways (grades 6–14) and work-based learning models that can be implemented in a similar manner as the entrepreneurial pathway models; and
- Establish and grow a sustainable consortium with significant community engagement to better share services and resources that will continue to enhance student achievement, ultimately from grades Pre-K–18.

How many students will be impacted by the Consortium?

This investment will enable the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium to reach 26,549 students in grades K–12 in an 11-county service area including: Carroll, Guernsey, Holmes, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Wayne.

Who is involved in the Consortium?

The Consortium, a group of 12 school districts, three career and technical centers, three higher education institutions, and 11 business/community partners includes:

- American College Testing (ACT)
- Battelle for Kids
- Brown Local Schools
- Building Bridges to Careers (BBC)
- Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Carrollton Exempted Village Schools
- Green Local Schools, Summit County
- Green Local Schools, Wayne County
- Marietta City Schools
- Marietta College
- Massillon City Schools
- Mid-East Career & Technology Centers
- Minerva Local Schools
- Ohio Academy of Science, Believe in Ohio
- Ohio STEM Learning Network–Akron Hub
- Orrville City Schools
- Osnauburg Local Schools
- RG Drage Career Technical Center
- Rittman Exempted Village Schools
- Sandy Valley Local Schools
- Small Business Development Center
- Southeast Local Schools
- Stark County Educational Service Center
- Stark Development Board
- Stark Education Partnership
- Stark State College
- University of Akron
- Wayne County Economic Development Center
- Wayne County Schools Career Center