

BUSINESS AND EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

The **Business and Education Roundtable** is an event organized by the Goochland County Public Schools in cooperation with Goochland County's Office of Economic Development and the Goochland Chamber of Commerce to provide dialog and information exchange between stakeholders here in Goochland County.

In the spring of 2017, Goochland County leaders convened to discuss workplace readiness and what was important in terms of skills Goochland graduates would need when they leave high school.

On **Wednesday, November 8, 2017** again at the Virginia Farm Bureau Headquarters in West Creek, they hosted another event to continue the dialog between members of our education team and community business leaders including Dominion Power, Luck Stone, AGCVA and more.

Included in this agenda was an update on the school's progress for its instructional initiatives, preparation for Career and Technical Education Academies with an update on our apprenticeship program, and a dialog about what the schools can do in terms of culture and routines that will help prepare students for the workplace.

An open dialogue was facilitated to determine what current technical and soft skills are needed in the construction industry, and how building relationships between the school and local companies could benefit the incoming workforce.

The AGCVA was represented by the attendance of District Manager, Kurt Friday, and Workforce Development Manager, Courtney Baker. Goochland County Schools view a relationship with our local area companies as the solution to producing a work ready employee upon graduation.



If you are interested in building that relationship with Goochland County Schools and connecting with the future workforce, please contact me at courtney@agcva.org or 540-323-0311.

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