

Charter Declaration
Westmoreland County Forum for Workforce Development



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- WHEREAS,** There is a strong desire to better address regional quality workforce needs of business and industry and how improved communication and collaboration can be cultivated and developed between education and business entities to address the needs of the new economy; and,
- WHEREAS,** Plans are underway for developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating policies and procedures to strengthen business education partnerships which will ensure expanded educational opportunities and internships for all student populations, and, further, collaboration with regional stakeholders in business, industry, basic education and higher education entities will enhance the understanding and working knowledge of college and career pathways with connections to the high demand occupation jobs of the future; and,
- WHEREAS,** Westmoreland County Forum for Workforce Development, established under the auspices of the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland, shall work collaboratively with the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit (WIU) comprised of 17 School Districts; Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland; Eastern, Central, and Northern Westmoreland County Career and Technology Centers; Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board; Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation; Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce; and the institutions of higher education: Westmoreland County Community College; Penn State New Kensington; University of Pittsburgh Greensburg; St. Vincent College and Seton Hill University; and,
- WHEREAS,** Regional business education partnerships will be at the heart of expanding student learning opportunities for real world experiences and internships that promote research, innovation, and entrepreneurship; and,

WHEREAS,

The Westmoreland County Forum for Workforce Development will provide the necessary leadership in cooperation with County-wide stakeholders to promote career awareness, exploration, preparation, and development programs for students with an understanding of the high demand occupations including, but not limited to, energy; engineering and technology manufacturing; business, finance, and information technology; health, education, and human services; homeland and international security, national and international government agency services; and environmental education, protection, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

On this ____ day of _____, 2015, that the _____ hereby declares its support to join in partnership and collaboration with the Westmoreland County Forum for Workforce Development to connect business and education and coordinate opportunities that will improve workforce quality and economic development; to strengthen college and career awareness, exploration, preparation, and development; to promote business education partnerships by facilitating and leading student internships, job shadowing, e-mentoring, apprenticeships, and work-based learning program opportunities; and to work with all stakeholders associated with basic and post-secondary education and training and certification programs for business and industry.