

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report  
to  
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent via Margaret Heim.

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Staff Member:	<u>Julie Bumgardner</u>	School:	<u>Dayton High School</u>
Conference:	<u>Association of Career and Technical Education Career Tech Vision Conference</u>	Staff Assignment	<u>Principal</u>
Do not use acronyms			
Location of Conference:	<u>San Antonio, TX</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>12/4/24 - 12/7/24</u>

*General Overview: Do not use acronyms*

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Association of Career and Technical Education Career Tech Vision Conference in San Antonio, Texas. By attending this conference, I was able to engage in sessions with other career and technical education teachers and administrators from around the world. I was able to hear what some current trends are in these fields and was also provided with opportunities to network with other colleagues as well as current and future vendors as I look to support and possibly even expand the Career and Technical Education offerings at my school.

*How will this impact student learning in a positive way?*

There are multiple ways that my attendance will impact student learning in a positive way. First and foremost, Dayton High School is piloting the ACT WorkKeys this year. These assessments measure a range of hard and soft skills that are relevant to any occupation across all industries. If students are successful in these exams, they can receive credentials that are recognized in various industries. While attending this conference, I was able to meet directly with ACT professionals and have discussions on how to best implement the exams and how to best prepare students through their curriculum for these exams. We are hopeful that by implementing these exams, we can turn the actual ACT exam into something that is relevant and meaningful to all students, not just those who are college bound.

I also attended a session on self-care and burnout for educators. This session gave me some tips to address my own self-care needs as well as how to support and hopefully mitigate burnout in my staff. I am hopeful that this will allow me to better support the needs of my staff which will impact student learning as well.

*How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?*

At the conference, I attended multiple sessions with Mark C. Perna. Through these sessions, he shared with us how to connect with what he calls "Why generation". The sessions were focused on how to motivate students and inspire them to create passionate learners which will increase student motivation and achievement. I know that we have had many discussions at Dayton High School on motivating reluctant learners and I am looking forward to working with my staff in this area.

There was also a strong focus at this conference about Artificial Intelligence and the impacts we are seeing in education. I had the opportunity to hear from other school and district administrators about the policies they are creating and implementing around the use of Artificial Intelligence in the classroom. It was interesting to hear all the different approaches of various districts in the United States.

I was also able to attend the keynote session with Heather McGowan about the mindset shifts that need to occur in education in order to be relevant to our current and future learners. McGowan calls this the Adaptation Advantage which focuses on continuous learning rather than simply learning things once. By making this mindset shift, we can help students become more engaged in their learning and find relevance.

These are just a few of the areas that I explored at this conference and I plan to share this information with my colleagues at Dayton High School and I am willing to share this information with other school and district leaders so we can have discussions on how to continue to improve the educational experience in our school district for all students.

*Other Comments:*

This was an absolutely wonderful conference. I enjoyed attending and hearing about the latest trends in not only our Career and Technical Education fields but also in education overall. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend this conference.

  
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