



8th Annual Grundy County Growth Conference



“Schools, Business, and Community: Meeting Today’s Needs and Building a Pipeline for Tomorrow’s Workforce”

Friday, October 11th, 2013
8:00 am to 12:30 pm

First Christian Church, 455 W. Southmor Road, Morris, IL

What we hear:

- Tomorrow’s workforce needs more than a high school education, but may not need a 4-year degree; there are great careers in Grundy that don’t require a 4-year degree;
- The major employers of Grundy County need many disciplines of workers, such as engineers, attorneys, human resource managers, information technology, accounting, and marketing – more than just the jobs their company title implies; they also have an aging workforce that needs to be replaced;

What we assume:

- Grundy high school students want to graduate and leave Grundy County with no desire to build a life here;
- Grundy students who stay here think there are no jobs for them;

What we know:

- Grundy County is a great place to live, work, and raise families;
- Communities can be a part of the efforts to deepen the relationship between schools and business.

Therefore, how does Grundy County build a strategy to deepen the relationship among students, parents, schools, business & industry, and the community as a whole to serve the workforce and education needs of our youth and also provide a steady pipeline of ready workers for local business & industry for generations to come?

AGENDA

- 8:30 am BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: Breakfast of locally-grown foods, including pumpkin pancakes!
9:00 am Presentations begin:
- Craig Schroeder of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship
 - LaDonna Russell of the Grundy, Kankakee, and Livingston Workforce Investment Board and Gideon Bluestein of the Illinois Department of Employment Security
 - Senator Sue Rezin and the Grundy Economic Development Council “Summer Intern Program”
 - Brian Gordon of the Three Rivers Education for Employment System
- 12:30 pm Adjourn

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