

Durham County

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Item:

Work-Based Learning Updates from the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Made in Durham, and Durham Public Schools (30min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: October 7, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to receive these updates and ask any questions they wish.

The City, County, DPS, MID, Durham Tech, Workforce Development Board and other public and private partners are working with and through MID to continue to improve coordination between different parts of our workforce development system.

The City has established the goal of moving to 600 DYIP internships next summer and 1000 in the summer of 2021. The County has an important role to play in that by continuing their direct funding support to:

- The Durham Youthwork program
- The MID Durham WBL collaborative that is promoting and identifying additional partnership participation in the program (public and private),
- o Durham Public Schools to accelerate the full integration of the 3-2-1 WBL system to all 9th-12th grade students by 2022.

The City is actively working to reach these goals by:

- o increasing the capacity of the program to support this scaled effort by reviewing options to outsource administrative functions
- Partnering with the MID, Durham WBL Collaborative, and the DWDB Ambassadors to increase awareness and participation by employers

Durham Public Schools is also aligning with these goals by adopting the new 3-2-1 WBL program that will culminate in ensuring that all youth have a Work Experience (internship) before they graduate.

<u>Alignment with Strategic Plan:</u> A strong, well-coordinated system for preparing Durham's youth to be the talented Durham workforce of tomorrow aligns well with Goals 1 and 4 of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

<u>Resource Persons</u>: Andre Pettigrew, Director (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Casey Steinbacher, Executive Director (Made in Durham); Dr. Julie Pack, Director (DPS - CTE); Paul Grantham, Chair (Durham Workforce Development Board)

<u>County Manager's Recommendation</u>: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive these updates and ask any questions they wish.