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Struthers City School District Plans Entrepreneurship Program for Students

Struthers, OH – Struthers City School District, in conjunction with the Struthers School Foundation for Educational Excellence, is in the beginning stages of developing a one-of-a-kind Entrepreneurship Program for middle school and high school students. This program will be the first for students in the Mahoning Valley area to offer these features, as well as a business incubator.

The goal of the Entrepreneurship Program is to provide participants with the tools, strategies and confidence needed to launch and grow new businesses. The program is planned to have both middle and high school components, starting at 7th grade through 12th grade.

“We have a lot of go-getters and innovators here in Struthers,” commented Struthers Superintendent Joe Nohra. “I can see our students really excelling in this program long after high school.”

The district has already hired Craig Zamy, Marketing and Entrepreneurship Professor at Kent State University and Struthers local, to write the curriculum and help implement the program.

“I am excited to help Struthers Schools launch a Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Program. The creation of a modernized, Entrepreneurship Education Program that instills the entrepreneurship mindset is critical to unleashing human potential,” said Zamy. “Building a strong foundation and long-term Entrepreneurship Program, will have positive impacts on the students, community, our US economy and prepare the students to be prosperous in our global economy.”

Nohra also said they would like to build a business incubator in the district where students would be able to create and build real businesses. There are also long-range plans to use the program to provide college credit to students and also bring in other local districts as a collaboration.

Together the Struthers Board of Directors and Struthers School Foundation for Educational Excellence will fund the project.

“We wanted to help fund a major project that would have a significant transformative effect within the educational system,” said Struthers School Foundation for Educational Excellence Board President, Dexter Hollen. “This innovative program really puts the Struthers City School District on the cutting edge in educational opportunities for our students within the Mahoning Valley. We are excited to be already be in the developmental stages because no other district in the area has a program like this.”

The Struthers City School District is working from the ground up to make this program a possibility for all students. The program is tentatively planned to launch Fall 2016.

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