

We have begun the 2008/2009 school year with 2,508 students at Leesville Road High School! The Leesville Road High School Business Alliance is a collaborative partnership between business leaders throughout Wake County and the educators at Leesville Road High School. Career and life expertise of the business leaders show students with the relevancy between education and future careers. Through career-related events, businesses can help prepare students to be future employees of Wake County.

This purpose of this letter is to ask you to renew your connections with or become a new member of the Leesville Road High School Business Alliance. Your expertise is invaluable! Business Alliances are typically comprised eight-ten business leaders, a Career Development Coordinator (CDC), the principal, a PTA liaison, Student Services representative, and student representatives.

A business member can expect a nominal time commitment of approximately two-three hours a month during the school year, either in monthly alliance meetings with key school personnel, or in direct participation in a career-based alliance activity such as:

Career fairs	Guest speaking
Practice job interviews	Job Shadowing
Graduation project mentoring	Resume reviews
Business ethics discussions	Site tours

In addition to direct participation, the networking ability of our business leaders allows the alliance initiative to tap an extensive resource of talented individuals to **help our students in obtaining mentors for their graduation projects at Leesville Road High School.**

The immediate result of this partnership is to help prepare every student to make responsible, productive career choices by assisting with school-based and work-based activities. The end result is preparing students for careers of their choice, ultimately benefiting the employers of this county and state.

Please thoughtfully consider becoming a dynamic member of the Leesville Road Business Alliance. **I have attached an intent form for each member or prospective member to complete and send back to me by October 2! Our first planning meeting of the year will be held on October 9 from 7:30-8:30 AM. Please RSVP by October 3 if you will be attending our first Business Alliance meeting of the year!**

Thanks,
Gwen Canada
Career Development Coordinator
Leesville Road High School