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**Madison Consolidated Schools and community partners invited to participate in a regional panel highlighting resource partnership through education.**

Madison, IN: Madison Consolidated Schools and community partners JCIDC, Madison Precision Products and Ivy Tech have been invited to participate in the 2015 Postsecondary Pathways: Connecting Education to Careers for Student Success regional conference.

Sponsored by The Indiana Youth Institute, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning, and the Indiana Works Council Region 9, this regional panel brings together K-12 educators, corporations, employers, youth-serving professionals, and state and regional government agencies in order to discuss how to connect Hoosier students with education and career counseling and training that fit their skills and interests.

Local community leaders Dr. Ginger Studebaker-Bolinger, Superintendent, *Madison Consolidated Schools*, Nathan Hadley, Executive Director, *JCIDC*, Kevin Turner, Vice President, *Madison Precision Products*, and Katie Mote, *President, Madison Campus-Ivy Tech Community College* will discuss ways they are partnering to align resources, create meaningful internship and apprenticeship programs, and advance educational initiatives which are demand-driven by business partners.

Keynote speakers include Chris Lowry, *Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College* and Theresa Lubbers, *Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education*. Other notable speakers are Kim Ryan, President, *Batesville*, Linda Kaiser, *JP Morgan Chase*, John Harmeyer, Jr., Director of Plant Operations and Jeremy Owens, Manager of Plant Human Resources, *Batesville*, Andy Allen, Principal, *Batesville High School*, Hank Ahaus, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and High School Relations, *Ivy Tech community College*, and Carla Enzinger, Human Resource Manager, *Batesville Tool & Die*.

Through panel discussions, keynote presentations, and group networking, attendees will be connected to resources that will enhance their ability to educate and train students to successfully pursue the postsecondary careers that exist within the region and the state. Madison Consolidated Schools, Batesville Community Schools, and these business partners were hand selected to participate in this panel in order to share their learning and successes with their established, ongoing academic pathways, college & career readiness programs, and community partnership initiatives.

Included is an optional plant tour of a local manufacturing facility including Batesville, Batesville Tool & Die or Heartwood Manufacturing. This will give attendees the opportunity to see a sophisticated, technologically advanced manufacturing facility and learn more about the types of jobs that are available and how students can prepare for those jobs.

The event will be held at the Batesville High School on February 11, 2015. Registration is \$10 per person. You can view details and register online at [2015 Postsecondary Pathways](#).