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Bottom Line Ohio and Dayton Public Schools partner to support local students

February 29, 2024 (Dayton, Ohio) — Bottom Line, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to partnering with first-generation students from under-resourced backgrounds as they get into and graduate from college, and Dayton Public Schools are proud to announce their partnership aimed at expanding access to higher education for students in the Dayton community.

This collaboration signifies a significant step forward in addressing educational disparities and providing comprehensive support to local first-generation students from under-resourced backgrounds. By combining Bottom Line Ohio's expertise in college access and success with Dayton Public Schools' commitment to student achievement, this partnership seeks to support students as they pursue post-secondary education opportunities.

The Dayton Public Schools Board voted unanimously to approve the Bottom Line Memorandum of Understanding at their February meeting.

"We are excited to partner with Bottom Line to provide an important support system for many first-generation college students," said Superintendent Dr. David Lawrence. "Through advising, FAFSA assistance, and college advising and support for up to six years after they leave high school, Bottom Line is going to make a tremendous impact on the futures of Dayton Public Schools students."

Bottom Line will serve its first Ohio cohort of students in Fall 2024, enrolling seniors in their College Access Program. Through a series of one-on-one meetings, Bottom Line's full-time college advisors help each high school senior navigate the complex and often intimidating college application process. Advising includes building balanced college lists, brainstorming, writing, and revising college essays, applying for financial aid, identifying scholarships, and much more.



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“Our program would not be possible without partners like Dayton Public Schools,” said Bottom Line Ohio Executive Director, James Cosby. “We want to add another layer of support for students to help them succeed, expounding on the important work of Dr. Lawrence and the DPS staff.”

Dayton Public Schools is an urban district with more than 12,000 students in preschool through high school. The district offers five-star preschools, one-to-one technology, career-tech programs, College Credit Plus, and career exploration experiences to all students. To learn more, please visit www.daytonpublic.com.

Bottom Line partners with degree-aspiring students from under-resourced communities to get into and through college and successfully launch a career. They are committed to building strong connections with their students, providing them with individual support, and ensuring they have the guidance they need to persist and earn a college degree. Learn more at www.bottomline.org.

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