

My Turn

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During the past few weeks, teachers in Linda Trimmer's off-campus satellite programs visited Pickaway-Ross for their annual start-the-year department meetings.

We have 40 teachers in 16 buildings who are impacting more than 3,000 students in programs at high schools and middle schools in Pickaway and Ross counties.

While this is an annual visit for the teachers, Linda changed things up a bit this year by scheduling the teachers to visit by related programs, making for smaller groups.



Off-campus CBI teachers visit Brent Ebert's machining lab with Linda Trimmer.

As with other activities around Pickaway-Ross, members of our Student Executive Council provided our satellite program teachers tours of our campus and an opportunity to see our academic classrooms and labs in action.

While all of the teachers have been in the Satellite Office, many had never seen what we have to offer. This new knowledge will allow them to be our "go-to" advocates for their home-school students to consider enrolling with us at the main campus.

Media and Sports Medicine worked together on Student Learning Objectives and provided beneficial networking opportunities.

Linda said the revised format made for a more manageable agenda for teachers, allowing them to focus on FormShare training and updates on student activity forms, evaluation schedule and Ohio Department of Education programs.

"I think it went great," Linda said of the multi-day department meetings. "Meeting in the smaller groups really made for more in-depth work."

Too often we're reluctant to try something new. It takes time to do something differently than it's been done before. But the rewards of succeeding are worth the effort.

Linda's successful department meetings this month are proof.

