



## CURRENT TRENDS TOOL INSTRUCTIONS

### MATERIALS

- Current Trends Wall Chart
- Current Trends tabletop for each participant/team

### PREPARATION

1. Post the current trends wall chart.
2. Introduce and discuss the four trend areas – Career Preparation, Work-Based Learning, High School Reform, and Economic Development.

### ACTIVITY

1. Hand out the Current Trends table top to all participants/team.
2. Prompt the participants/team to take ten minutes to reflect on their year.
3. On the tabletop, have the participants/team make notes about their greatest successes and challenges over the last year.
4. On the grid have the participants indicate which condition best describes their organizations position in each trend area.
  - Conducting – Our intermediary is conducting activity in this area - Describe activities.
  - Connecting – Our Intermediary is connected to activities in this area – Describe role.
  - Concerned – Our Intermediary is concerned about activity ion this area. Describe what and why.
5. Have each participant/team report their successes and challenges on the wall chart.
6. Have each participant/team record on the wall chart where they are for each trend area.
7. Discuss results with the group.