



**Pennsylvania Business Week**  
**PROGRAM EVALUATION**  
**Advisor Response**

**Girard High School**  
**February 9 -12, 2026**

**COMMENTS**

“This week was yet again unforgettable. The group of students running ‘2 Steps Ahead’ were engaged throughout the whole week and surprised me every day with their creativity and ability to conquer anything.”

***“I think continuing to push interpersonal skills and professionalism is extremely important.”***

“I look forward to this week (not because I get out of the office) but because I get to see the next generation of business professionals.”

**“I really feel that giving them an understanding of all that is involved in owning a business is very beneficial for all students, no matter what path they will choose after graduation.”**

***“I love watching the Stockholders’ Presentation. It’s so cool to see the team put all the pieces together.”***

“I feel that more schools would benefit from this experience.”

**“I truly loved seeing the kids all come together, work hard, and have a great outcome.”**

“Economic education which helps explain the Free Enterprise System offers each student participant a better understanding of how they play a role as a consumer and perhaps in their future as a manufacturer or service supplier.”

*“Always a great experience, and it was fun seeing the students work in a unified way on different tasks.”*

**NUMBERS\***

**RATED THEIR EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD**

**88%**

**100%**

**SAID OTHER SCHOOLS WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM**

HOW EFFECTIVE WERE THE FOLLOWING?	VERY EFFECTIVE	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	NOT EFFECTIVE
THE COMPANY CONCEPT	75%	25%	0%
STOCKHOLDERS COMPETITION	75%	25%	0%
MANAGEMENT SIMULATION COMPETITION	63%	37%	0%
ADVERTISING AND MARKETING COMPETITION	100%	0%	0%
TRADE SHOW COMPETITION	75%	25%	0%
SPEAKERS	75%	25%	0%

\*Based on 8 responses

Student Response on other side



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“I loved Business Week and so did the rest of my group. I learned a lot about people I never thought I'd interact with. I am happy this event took place and I wish I could relive it again!”

***“I found this week the most engaging week of school I have ever had.”***

“I learned that mistakes are okay, and they are a major factor in progressing in anything in life. For example, our company had its ups and downs in RONA, but it forced us to try new things and adapt to others competing with us. Without failing, our company would have never become successful in the end.”

**“I never participated in a program like this, and I think it's very helpful and useful to us as future adults.”**

*I learned how important it is to be on time.”*

***“I had a lot of fun and business is something I want to do in my future, so this felt beneficial as well.”***

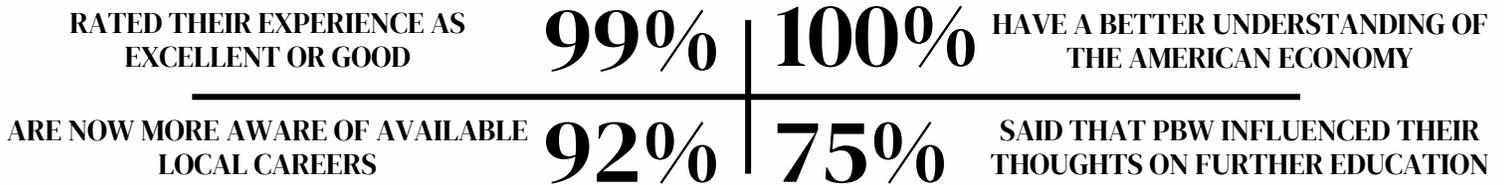
“I learned that it's important for you to get experience before you start looking for jobs. This is due to the fact that you in certain jobs will have to work with a team.”

*“I discovered that I'm actually pretty good at finances, I didn't expect to understand it at all.*

**“I learned that I do need to ask for help sometimes instead of trying to figure it out by myself. This helped me be more part of a team rather than off by myself like I would usually be.”**

“Our advisor was amazing. He did a great job of giving us advice while also making us make decisions on our own.”

**NUMBERS\***



HOW EFFECTIVE WERE THE FOLLOWING?	VERY EFFECTIVE	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	NOT EFFECTIVE
THE COMPANY CONCEPT	88%	11%	1%
STOCKHOLDERS COMPETITION	75%	24%	1%
MANAGEMENT SIMULATION COMPETITION	64%	34%	2%
ADVERTISING AND MARKETING COMPETITION	82%	18%	0%
TRADE SHOW COMPETITION	72%	26%	2%
BUSINESS ADVISORS	83%	17%	0%
SPEAKERS	68%	29%	3%

\*Based on 87 responses

Advisor Response on other side