



# JOSH MANDEL

## STATE TREASURER OF OHIO

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Ohio's state treasurer visited the Maplewood Career Center in Ravenna on Friday, promoting his cash accounting program and taking a look at some of the programs Maplewood offers.

Josh Mandel visited the Applied Engineering and Machining program, where instructor Mark Hamilton explained the improvements made to the program in recent years.

Superintendent Randy Griffith said jobs in machining are in high demand.

"We can't get enough students in these programs to support the businesses in Ohio," Griffith said.

Mandel called it a "quiet crisis," and said there will be many openings in more technical jobs as Baby Boomers retire. He explained that many students are steered into four year degrees, and end up working at Starbucks.

"These kids are incorrectly told that the only way to be successful is to get a four-year degree," he said. "In order to be strong in this country, we need to be able to make things. In order to bring back manufacturing, we need to train kids to run these machines."

Bradley Tucker, the instructor in the computer aided design program, also showed him the lifelike objects students make using the 3-D printer.

Mandel was at Maplewood to promote his Star Plus investment program, which he said brings back 10 times what the old Star Ohio fund generated for schools, hospitals and cities.

Public funds deposited in the program are fully secured with no credit or market risk and earn a competitive yield.

Maplewood has \$9.3 million invested in the program. The increased return on investments means that Maplewood might be able to get extra equipment to help train students, he said.

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