

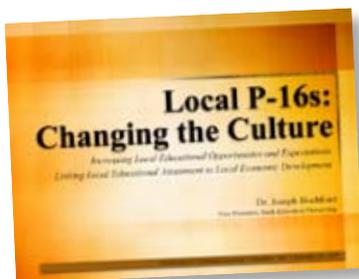
Looking At The ISSUES

September 22, 2006

What Are the Stark County P-16 Outcomes/Successes?

Dr. Joseph Rochford was in Columbus this week at the statewide P-16 *Partnership for Continued Learning* after having been invited to present on the impact of the Stark County P-16 Compact. In preparation for the meeting the P-16 Compact met on September 12 and grappled with answers to the following question: What have been the outcomes/successes of the Stark County P-16 Compact?

Participants considered this question from a variety of viewpoints. The discussion was energized and passionate. Echoes of the conversation continued for some members who e-mailed additional ideas in the days following. The actual words of the members made a powerful statement and became the framework for the presentation.



Highlights of Joe's presentation follow and we encourage you to view it in its entirety on our website (www.edpartner.org)

"If the goal is to resolve issues in education at the local level, nothing I've experienced works better than our P-16 initiative..."

Richard Jusseaume, President, Walsh University

"...the P-16 Compact has changed mindsets and stimulated increases in both high school graduation and college going rate..."

Vicki Conley, Executive Director, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton

"...In my 35 years in higher education I have seldom been involved in a more worthwhile endeavor. I listen to the conversation at this table and go back to my deans and vice-presidents and say: "What can we do to help solve that problem..." Dr. Ronald Johnson, President, Malone College

"The culture is changing. Our teachers, professors, school administrators, college administrators, community members, and students have caught the fever..." Mel Lioi, Assistant Superintendent, Stark County ESC

Can we rest yet? No! Now we have very interesting questions we are confronting. *"What will it take to push the needle higher and faster? More scholarships? Scholarships tied to internships, tied to employment in Stark County? When will we arrive at our goal of economic viability?"*

Jack Timken, President, Timken Foundation

Looking At The Week

September 21, 2006 – On recommendation of the Education Committee, the Board of Directors of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce approved endorsement of the Ohio Core saying: "...there may be revisions to the Ohio Core legislation as it moves through the legislative process and there are questions to be answered regarding funding and the capacity for school systems to provide teachers to implement new curriculum. But, the Committee supports, in concept, the need for a more rigorous high school curriculum, and the Ohio Core presents Ohio with the opportunity for such a rigorous curriculum...."

Upcoming Events

The Stark County College Fair will host over 100 college and university representatives on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Canton Memorial Civic Center.