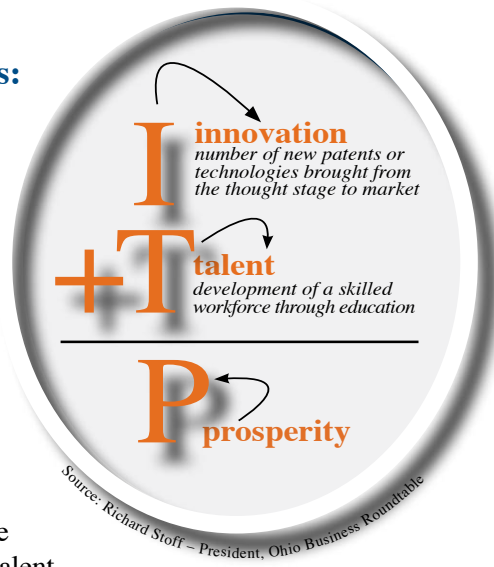


Looking At The ISSUES

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Focus on Finding Solutions: Innovation, Talent and Prosperity

Richard Stoff, President of the Ohio Business Roundtable, at a recent meeting of the Ohio Grant Makers, summarized the marriage of education and economic development by sharing his formula: $I + T = P$. I is for innovation (meaning the number of new patents or new technologies brought from the thought stage to market), T is for talent (development of a skilled workforce through education) and P is prosperity.



A letter to the candidates for governor, signed by the Executive Committee of the Ohio Business Roundtable, was also shared. The letter included specific perspectives on:

- Business climate—tax reform, tort reform and health care
- Nurturing talent—education reform, STEM leadership, workforce development
- Unleashing innovation—being bold and inventive, Third Frontier, early stage capital, basic research and technology commercialization
- Managing state government—improving performance
- Celebrating success—branding and marketing Ohio

Some of the ideas suggested for improving our leadership in STEM initiatives are included in the publications of the national business roundtable at, <http://www.businessroundtable.org/tap/>, the Ohio Academy of Science at <http://www.ohiosci.org/STEM2015WhitePaper.pdf>, and the Ohio Board of Regents <http://www.regents.state.oh.us/legislative/TheIssue/TheIssueNov05.pdf>.

Locally, Ward J. Timken, Jr., Chairman, The Timken Company, serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Business Roundtable.

Looking At The Week

ACT Grant

The Stark Education Partnership has filed a federal research grant application: *Moving Forward with Culture Change: A Five Year Effectiveness Evaluation in 17 School Districts in Stark County, Ohio of the Use of EPAS to Increase ACT Scores and Influence the Belief of High School Students in Their Ability to Attend College*. If awarded the \$5.96 million, five year grant, the Stark Education Partnership will fund the administration of the EPAS system tests, EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT in the 17 districts in Stark County. Many thanks to those who helped write the grant from the 17 school districts and the Stark Educational Service Center as well as Dr. Peter Trumpower from Stark State College of Technology.

Ohio Core

Dr. Joe Rochford represented the Stark Education Partnership in Columbus Wednesday at the Ohio Core Press Conference sponsored at the Statehouse by the Tapping Ohio's Potential Coalition. While in Columbus, he also attended the meeting of the Ohio Partnership for Continued Learning, the state P-16 council.