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## Looking At The Week

### Focus on Finding Solutions: Ohio Workforce Policy Part II

The Ohio Workforce Policy Board reviewed the recommendations of Thomas P. Miller and Associates, released on October 3, 2006:

<http://www.ohioworkforceboard.org/documents/StrategicRecommendations.pdf>.



The recommendations will, if implemented:

- Change the composition of the board,
- Create and manage metrics that matter,
- Link performance-based incentive funding to create regional economic development, and
- Create a broader, more comprehensive and visible “Talent Ohio” strategy by consolidating services and monies now located in a number of State of Ohio Departments and Agencies.

Locally, Patricia Grishaw, The Timken Company, serves on the Ohio Workforce Policy Board and our local P-16 Compact.

The Brookings Institute is collaborating with the KnowledgeWorks Foundation to examine the concept of collaboration across the 12 Great Lakes States including Ohio ([http://www.kwfdn.org/enewsletter/primer/current\\_issue/](http://www.kwfdn.org/enewsletter/primer/current_issue/)). One idea proposed is to build “...a Great Lakes ‘common market’ for human capital.” Specifics of this notion include: “...a New GI Bill; ...portable/transferable postsecondary education credits and standards...; portable professional credentials...; and portable public pension and retirement fund credits...” In response to the fact that most venture capital is located on the coasts of the United States, an idea is proposed to create venture capital for the Great Lakes States.

### Dual Credit

Dr. Joe Rochford and Adele Gelb – along with K-12 representatives from Stark, Wayne, and Columbiana Counties and college representatives from the University of Akron, Kent State, Walsh, and Mount Union College – attended a meeting on dual credit at the Stark County Educational Service Center on December 4th. Malone and Stark State will also be involved in designing the delivery of dual credit courses to approximately 400 students across the three county area this summer. The funding for the program came through HB 115.

### ACT Data

Drs. Adrienne O’Neill and Joe Rochford attended a “think-tank” meeting with district representatives at the Stark County Educational Service Center on December 4th looking at how the county can best utilize data from ACT’s testing system to help prepare more students for college.