

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Youngstown City Schools Conversations</u>
1	8/4/2014	Lunch with Herb Washingotn
2	8/18/2014	Mike Garvey Call
3	8/21/2014	Meet with Pres. Tressel
4	8/23/2014	Call with Mike Garvey
5	8/23/2014	Call with Mike Garvey
6	8/25/2014	Meeting with Mayor McNally, Rep. O'Brien, Mahoning Co. ESC Superintendent Iarussi, Choffin's Joe Meranto, & Humphries (Schiavoni RSVPed, but did not attend)
7	8/25/2014	Meet with Pres. Tressel
8	8/25/2014	Meeting with Mayor McNally
9	8/26/2014	Lunch with YSU Professor
10	9/14/2014	Conf. Call with Dr. Ross, Rep. O'Brien, Director Struble, Chief of Staff Hansen, Liaison Sheppard & Humphries
11	9/16/2014	Call with Wayne Struble and Dr. Ross
12	9/17/2014	Vindy reports on Governor's editorial board meeting
13	9/19/2014	Meeting with Dr. Meeks
14	9/22/2014	YSU Presentation
15	9/23/2014	Call with Chuck, Supporting Businessman
16	9/24/2014	Phone update with Superintendent Ross & Humphries
17	9/27/2014	Call with Joe Meranto
18	9/25/2014	Lunch with Rick Leonard, Cong. Ryan's office
19	9/27/2014	Call with Superintendent Ross, Director Struble, Liaison Sheppard, Chief of Staff Hansen & Humphries
20	9/29/2014	Gerry Riccutti Interview
21	9/30/2014	Mayor McNally Meeting
22	10/1/2014	Mike Garvey Meeting
23	10/2/2014	Sen. Schiavoni Call re: 8-25 meeting
24	10/2/2014	Bruce Beeghly Meeting
25	10/3/2014	Call with Herb Washington
26	10/3/2014	Mark Brown Call
27	10/3/2014	Call with Superintendent Ross, Director Struble, Liaison Sheppard, Chief of Staff Hansen & Humphries
28	10/7/2014	Meeting with Dr. Ross, Director Struble, Liaison Sheppard, Chief of Staff Hansen, Herb Washington, Jim Tressel & Humphries
29	10/10/2014	Call with Dr. Ross
30	10/13/2014	Call for Humphries, Tressel and Washington to confirm 9 invitees for Oct. 22nd meeting
31	10/14/2014	Call for Humphries and Judge Douglas to discuss cabinet participation
32	10/14/2014	Call for Humphries and Mark Brown to discuss cabinet participation
33	10/15/2014	Call for Humphries and Michelle Hagan to discuss cabinet participation
34	10/20/2014	Call for Humphries and Bishop Murray to discuss cabinet participation
35	10/20/2014	Call with Bishop Murray
36	10/22/2014	Call with Joe Meranto
37	10/23/2014	Call with Pres. Tressel
38	10/24/2014	Call with Ron Iarussi
39	10/28/2014	Mayor McNally Meeting
40	10/29/2014	Call for Humphries and Connie Hathorn to discuss Oct. 31st Cabinet Meeting
41	10/31/2014	First Cabinet Meeting
42	11/3/2014	Call with Connie Hathorn
43	11/15/2014	Meeting with Guy Burney
44	11/21/2014	Meeting with Pres. Tressel
45	12/1/2014	Agenda Prep with Buddy Harris and Herb Washington
46	12/2/2014	Meeting with Kent State Trumbull Dean
47	12/4/2014	Call with David Mustine
48	12/5/2014	Met with Representative O'Brien
49	12/5/2014	Calls with Herb Washington, Jim Tressel and Connie Hathorn
50	12/6/2014	Call with Sean O'Brien
51	12/6/2014	Call with Jan Strasfeld
52	12/6/2014	Call with Connie Hathorn
53	12/15/2014	Call with Wayne Struble
54	12/16/2014	Second Cabinet Meeting

55	1/5/2015	Call with Mike Garvey
56	1/5/2015	Call with Buddy Harris
57	1/5/2015	Call with Herb Washington
58	1/6/2015	Education Summit
59	1/9/2015	Call with Herb Washington
60	1/12/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci, Chamber's manager of Education and Workforce Dev.
61	1/15/2015	Call with Jim Tressel
62	1/16/2015	Call with Dr. Meeks
63	1/20/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
64	1/20/2015	Youngstown City Schools Cabinet Meeting
65	1/21/2015	Meeting with Mike Garvey
66	1/22/2015	Meeting with Jim Tressel
67	1/26/2015	Jenny Roller, Wean Foundation
68	1/27/2015	Meet with Mayor McNally
69	1/27/2015	Meeting with Dean of Kent State Trumbull-Support
70	1/28/2015	Call with Herb Washington
71	1/31/2015	Call with Ralph Zerbonia, community leader interested in helping
72	2/3/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
73	2/4/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
74	2/5/2015	Meeting with Julius Oliver
75	2/6/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
76	2/9/2015	Meet with Ron Iarussi
77	2/10/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
78	2/10/2015	Meeting with Chamber Staff
79	2/10/2015	Meet with Herb Washington
80	2/11/2015	Meeting with Jason Gray (TCTC)
81	2/11/2015	Meet with Buddy Harris
82	2/12/2015	Interview with Raymond Smith, Tribune
83	2/12/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
84	2/13/2015	Meeting with United Way
85	2/13/2015	Call with Dr. Richard Dunn
86	2/13/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
87	2/22/2015	Meet with Bishop Murray
88	2/22/2015	Youngstown City Schools Cabinet Meeting
89	2/24/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
90	2/27/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
91	3/3/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
92	3/4/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
93	3/5/2015	Meet with Jim Tressel
94	3/5/2015	Meet with Bertram DeSouza, Vindy
95	3/5/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
96	3/9/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
97	3/11/2015	Meet with Ron Iarussi
98	3/13/2015	Call with Metro. Housing Authority Rep.
99	3/16/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
100	3/18/2015	Call with Herb Washington
101	3/19/2015	Chamber Annual Meeting
102	3/20/2015	Meet with Angee Shaker, Cleveland City Schools
103	3/24/2015	Meet with Mayor McNally, Chief of Policy, Guy Burney, Judge Dellick
104	3/24/2015	Call with Nick Santucci
105	3/25/2015	Meet with Nick Santucci
106	3/26/2015	Meet with Jim Tressel
107	3/26/2015	Call with Dick Ross
108	3/26/2015	Meet with Herb Washington
109	3/30/2015	Meet with Dominic C. Marchionda
110	3/30/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
111	4/1/2015	Call with Herb Washington
112	4/3/2015	Meet with Sean O'Brien and Deryek Toles
113	4/3/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
114	4/8/2015	Meet with Rich, Businessman
115	4/9/2015	Meet with Teacher

116	4/10/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
117	4/10/2015	Meet with YSU Professor
118	4/13/2015	Dr. Ross Meeting
119	4/14/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
120	4/15/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
121	4/20/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
122	4/21/2015	Denise Dick Interview
123	4/21/2015	Meet with Mike Garvey
124	4/23/2015	Meet with Dick Ross
125	4/24/2015	Raymond Smith Interview, Tribune
126	4/24/2015	Meet with Mayor McNally
127	4/25/2015	Call with Herb Washington
128	4/28/2015	Meet with Buddy Harris
129	4/28/2015	Youngstown City Schools Cabinet Meeting
130	4/29/2015	Meet with Gov. Kasich and Staff
131	4/30/2015	Meet with President Tressel
132	5/6/2015	Meeting with Cong. Johnson's office
133	5/6/2015	Call with Sen. Portman's office
134	5/11/2015	Meet with Anthony, Businessman
135	5/11/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
136	5/12/2015	Vindicator Interview
137	5/21/2015	Youngstown City Schools Cabinet Meeting
138	5/21/2015	Meet with Michael Engram-Game Changers
139	5/26/2015	Meeting with Mayor McNally
140	5/26/2015	Call with Herb Washington
141	5/26/2015	Call with Joffrey Jones
142	5/27/2015	Meet with Help Hotline and Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic
143	5/28/2015	Meet with President Tressel
144	5/28/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
145	6/1/2015	Youngstown Ministers
146	6/1/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
147	6/5/2015	Former School Superintendent Meeting
148	6/9/2015	Dr. Ross Call
149	6/10/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
150	6/15/2015	NOCHE Meeting
151	6/16/2015	Meeting with Sam, Businessman
152	6/17/2015	Ohio Dept. of Education Call
153	6/18/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
154	6/19/2015	Youngstown City Schools Cabinet Call
155	6/23/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
156	6/23/2015	Steve Stohla Meeting
157	6/24/2015	Metro Chambers of Ohio Meeting
158	6/24/2015	Testify at HB70 Hearing
159	6/25/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
160	6/25/2015	Youngstown Ministers
161	6/25/2015	Youngstown School Union Meeting
162	6/25/2015	Call with ODE
163	6/29/2015	Call with Nick Santucci and Guy Coviello
164	6/30/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci and Guy Coviello
165	6/30/2015	Mayor McNally Meeting
166	6/30/2015	Youngstown City Schools Cabinet Call
167	6/30/2015	WKBN Interview
168	6/30/2015	Rose Carter Call
169	6/31/2015	Dan Rivers Interview
170	6/31/2015	Mahoning County Commissioners
171	6/31/2015	Ron Iarussi Meeting
172	6/31/2015	Judge Dellick meeting
173	6/31/2015	Joe Meranto meeting
174	6/31/2015	Meeting with Retired Teacher
175	7/2/2015	Tom Conley meeting
176	7/2/2015	Rev. Maklin meeting

177	7/2/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
178	7/7/2015	Mayor Franklin Meeting
179	7/8/2015	Jimma McWilson meeting
180	7/9/2015	Call with ODE Representative
181	7/9/2015	Ohio Education Association Meeting
182	7/9/2015	Meeting with Rev. Harrison
183	7/13/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
184	7/13/2015	Lepore Hagan and Schiavoni Town Hall Meeting
185	7/14/2015	Local Pastors Meeting
186	7/14/2015	Call with Pres. Tressel
187	7/15/2015	Meet with Jackie Adair
188	7/15/2015	Meet with Jennifer Felker
189	7/15/2015	Meet with Clarence Boles
190	7/15/2015	Call with Dr. Ross
191	7/16/2015	Gov. Kasich HB 70 Signing
192	7/17/2015	Willie Richards Call
193	7/17/2015	Sean O'Brien Call
194	7/17/2015	Jimma McWilson Call
195	7/28/2015	Interested Parties breakfast
196	7/28/2015	Tracy Winbush Show
197	7/28/2015	Louie Free Show
198	7/28/2015	Jennifer Felker Meeting
199	7/28/2015	Youngstown Ministers meeting
200	7/28/2015	Youngstown School Union Meeting
201	7/29/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
202	7/31/2015	Amy Hansen Ohio Public Radio meeting
203	8/3/2015	President Tressle Meeting
204	8/3/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
205	8/4/2015	Jennifer Roller Meeting
206	8/4/2015	Call with Chancellor Carey
207	8/5/2015	Meeting with Suburban School Board member
208	8/5/2015	Meeting with Bruce Beeghly
209	8/6/2015	Better Business Bureau and Mahoning Builders Association
210	8/6/2015	Meet with Anthony, concerned citizen
211	8/7/2015	Call with Dr. Ross
212	8/7/2015	Call with Laura Meeks
213	8/7/2015	Call with Richard, Citizen
214	8/11/2015	Meeting with Suburban School District Superintendent
215	8/11/2015	Meeting with Steve Stohla
216	8/11/2015	Meeting with Pres. Tressel
217	8/11/2015	Meet with Ed, Businessman
218	8/12/2015	Meeting with Nick Santucci
219	8/12/2015	Meeting with Jason Gray (TCTC)
220	8/12/2015	Call with Stephanie Shaw
221	8/12/2015	Call with Jan Strasfeld
222	8/12/2015	Business Journal 3 Minutes
223	8/14/2015	Meet with Guy Burney and Gary Frost
224	8/17/2015	Meet with Youngstown School Teacher
225	8/18/2015	Meet with Nick Santucci
226	8/18/2015	Meet with Jennifer Felker
227	8/19/2015	Warren Rotary
228	8/19/2015	Meeting with Kent State Trumbull Dean
229	8/20/2015	Meeting with Suburban School District Superintendent
230	8/20/2015	Meeting with Tracy Winbush
231	8/21/2015	Meeting with Youngstown Community College Representative
232	8/21/2015	Mayor McNally Meeting
233	8/25/2015	Meet with suburban school district superintendent
234	8/26/2015	Meet with Nick Santucci
235	8/27/2015	Meet with Mr. and Mrs. Rojas
236	8/28/2015	Meet with President Tressel
237	8/28/2015	Meet with Mahoning County High School Representative

238	8/31/2015	Call with Tisha Brady
239	8/31/2015	Call with Ron King
240	8/31/2015	Meeting with Greater Cleveland Partnership, Greater Akron Chamber, Lorain and Stark Economic Development Board
241	9/1/2015	Call with Mike Pecchia
242	9/1/2015	Meet with Sen. Schiavoni

Attendees:

Dr. Connie Hathorn, Youngstown City Schools Superintendent
Jim Tressel, YSU President
Herb Washington, H.L.W. Fast Track President
Mike Garvey, M-7 Technologies President
Bishop Murray, Catholic Diocese of Youngstown
Judge Robert Douglas, Retired
Tom Humphries, Chamber
Richard Ross, Ohio Superintendent
Beth Hansen, Governor Kasich Chief of Staff
Wayne Struble, Governor Kasich Policy Director
Jimmy Shepherd, Governor Kasich Regional Liaison
Buddy Harris, Department of Education Senior Policy Analyst

Items Discussed:

1. An open discussion took place in regard to the current situation in the Youngstown City Schools. This discussion reinforced that the district is still failing to meet key service measurements and that the Academic Distress Commission has been there for four years without success.
2. The group discussed the Cabinet working through and with the Distress Commission and the District Superintendent.
3. President Tressel presented his efforts to put a program together to address the third grade reading performance in cooperation with the YSU College of Education and its students.
4. Current concerns are:
 - a. Communications from the Cabinet to the public and others
 - b. The Cabinet must be inclusive so that we are a reflection of the diversity in the community.
 - c. The role of parents on the Cabinet and in the school (how parents demonstrate their commitment in supporting their children). The Cabinet may have to incentivize parents. Dr. Hathorn provided an example of a reading program where after five reading sessions with their child, the parent is entered into a \$50 gift card drawing.
5. The Cabinet spent approximately an hour and 20 minutes discussing the various ways we might be able to impact the child (which would result in a positive impact). The Cabinet agreed the program has to be owned by the community, not a state initiative.
6. The Cabinet discussed an outline of a potential six step performance framework.

7. The Cabinet agreed to add one more person. Tom Humphries will try to secure someone prior to the next meeting.
8. Mr. Harris will be the state liaison for the Cabinet. Tom Humphries requested that Mr. Harris attend all future cabinet meetings.
9. The Cabinet will establish the next meeting as soon as possible. The meeting notice will be sent out sometime next week.
10. At the next meeting, the Cabinet will cover:
 - a. Processes
 - b. Actions to be taken
 - c. Measurements and rewards
 - d. Timeline for the next 18 months

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Items Discussed:

1. Tom Humphries distributed the minutes from the Oct. 31, 2014 meeting. No one in attendance had any changes to the minutes.
2. Tom Humphries reviewed the meeting agenda.
3. The first hour and fifteen minutes of discussion centered on various programs or approaches we could use to enhance the school system.
4. After much discussion, the Cabinet agreed to secure a manager for this initiative. This person would be housed in the Regional Chamber and be an employee of the Regional Chamber. The Cabinet requested Tom Humphries move as quickly as possible to fill the position and would like to have the position filled before the next Cabinet meeting on January 6, 2015. Jan Strasfeld announced that she feels the Youngstown Foundation may be able to help in the cost of putting this manager on the payroll. Tom will follow up with Jan later this week.
5. After a lengthy discussion, the Cabinet unanimously decided that Herb Washington will serve as the Cabinet Chair and that Judge Douglas will serve as Vice-Chair.
6. In regard to the agenda item on focus areas, the Cabinet felt they should have an evaluation of the school district's current results prior to this discussion.
7. Due to the number of items on the agenda, the Cabinet was unable to discuss this item and will review the list of potential individuals provided by Tom Humphries. These individuals in the community have expressed interest in serving in some capacity on a committee of the Cabinet. The Cabinet will advise Tom if they have any additions to this list or feel that someone on the list should be removed.
8. Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Harris were asked to identify programs funded and offered by state and federal government agencies that could add value to turning the Youngstown City Schools around.
9. It was decided that the oversight commission will announce the Youngstown City Schools Cabinet at Dr. Hathorn's State of the District address on January 22nd. Herb Washington will be announced as the Chair at that time and the Cabinet will be in attendance. The mission and goal of the Cabinet will also be announced at this

time as being: "To make the Youngstown City School District as competitive as any school district in Mahoning County and the school districts of their size in urban centers nationally within ten years."

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Dr. Connie Hathorn, Youngstown City Schools Superintendent
Jim Tressel, YSU President
Dr. Laura Meeks, Eastern Gateway Community College
Mike Garvey, M-7 Technologies President
Judge Robert Douglas, Retired (VIA PHONE)
Tom Humphries, Chamber
Jan Strasfeld, Youngstown Foundation
Bishop Murray, Catholic Diocese
Buddy Harris, Department of Education Senior Policy Analyst (VIA PHONE)

Items Discussed:

1. Tom advised that an offer has been extended to Nick Santucci and Tom hopes to have this confirmed by week's end.
2. Jan Strasfeld has offered to assist in funding the manager position.
3. The group discussed the evaluation of the school district's current results and priorities to move forward. The group also discussed a dashboard containing:
 - a. Student attendance
 - b. Test results
 - c. Teacher attendance
 - d. # Students leaving the school district
4. The group discussed what it will take to get out from under the oversight commission.
5. The Cabinet agreed that Brenda Kimble, President of the Youngstown City School Board, should be added to the Cabinet. The group discussed expanding the Cabinet, but decided to wait to see what issues the group will approach first.
6. Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Harris's identifying programs funded and offered by state and federal government agencies that could add value to turning the Youngstown City Schools around is still pending.
7. As many Cabinet members as possible will attend Dr. Hathorn's State of the District address on January 22nd. However, the group decided to wait to announce the Cabinet's efforts due to the concern that the announcement would be a distraction from Dr. Hathorn's presentation.
8. Mr. Harris shared with the group clarification from the Attorney General's office on the fact that if the Cabinet were appointed by the Board of Education or oversight commission, we would be subject to the same oversight as these two bodies. It was therefore felt that the Cabinet should continue to stand alone, realizing that we have no real authority inside the school system.
9. Mr. Harris was asked to clarify that we are not violating any rules or laws by having on our Cabinet the Youngstown City Schools Superintendent, the Board President or the vice chair of the oversight commission.
10. The group reiterated that the mission and goal of the Cabinet is: "To make the Youngstown City School District as competitive as any school district in Mahoning County and the school districts of their size in urban centers nationally within ten years." The Cabinet also supports the oversight commission who supports the schools."

Attendees:

Connie Hathorn, Youngstown City Schools Superintendent
Jim Tressel, YSU President
Herb Washington, H.L.W. Fast Track President
Mike Garvey, M-7 Technologies President
Bishop Murry, Catholic Diocese
Tom Humphries, Chamber
Jan Strasfeld, Youngstown Foundation
Kim Calvert, Chamber
Nick Santucci, Chamber
Buddy Harris, Department of Education Senior Policy Analyst

Items Discussed:

1. Nick Santucci distributed the report card from the state.
2. Mr. Washington reviewed the meeting agenda and discussed how he believes it is important to begin implementing steps and small wins to help the YCSD.
3. The Cabinet edited the mission statement.
4. The first hour and fifteen minutes of discussion centered on various programs or approaches we could use to enhance the school system such as reading programs, reward and incentivized systems.
5. The Cabinet also discussed who else could and should be involved in the meetings going further such as President of the BOE, members of the NAACP, churches, ACTION.
6. Buddy Harris spoke of the states advice and guidance moving forward with the Cabinet.
7. Dr. Hathorn emphasized the lack of parental involvement in the children's life.
8. Bishop Murry discussed the program that Mayor Walsh has implemented in Boston.
9. The Cabinet identified that the local churches and parishes hold a lot of influence and plan on working with the religious organizations in order to emphasize the importance of reading and parental involvement.
10. Mr. Washington confirmed that he, Bishop Murry and Mr. Tressel will meet with NAACP. Mr. Washington stated that he will meet with Brenda Kimble once again for lunch.
11. Mr. Garvey, Bishop Murry, Mr. Washington confirmed that they would meet with Pat Rosenthal with ACTION group.
12. The Cabinet agreed to not set a date for the press conference and to refine and revisit the mission statement.
13. Herb Washington edited the agenda based on discussion today and concluded the meeting.

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Dr. Laura Meeks, Eastern Gateway Community College President
Tom Humphries, YW Regional Chamber President
Jan Strasfeld, Youngstown Foundation President
Nick Santucci, YW Regional Chamber
Buddy Harris, Department of Education Senior Policy Analyst

Items Discussed:

1. Nick Santucci distributed the data documents to the cabinet.
2. Mr. Washington addressed the resignation of current Superintendent Dr. Connie Hathorn.
3. Mr. Washington addressed the resignation of Mike Garvey, M7 Technologies President, from the Cabinet and the Academic Distress Commission.
4. Mr. Washington asked Mr. Tressel for an update on his Project PASS reading program under the education department.
 - a. Mr. Harris and Mr. Santucci had shadowed and observed the program earlier that afternoon.
5. Mr. Humphries reviewed and presented the educational report card data collected on the eight metropolitan cities in the state of Ohio.
6. Mr. Harris spoke of the states advice and guidance moving forward with the Cabinet and the potential plans from the state. Including opportunities in the area that are presenting themselves with the resignation of Dr. Hathorn.
7. Judge Douglas expressed his appreciation for the new plan, and felt that something new must take place.
8. Dr. Hathorn expressed his appreciation for a new, different, and bold plan. He emphasized that a new superintendent will only be met with the same difficulties and struggles that he had experienced.
9. Every member of the Cabinet agreed that more money should go with the child and that legislation must be changed.
10. Dr. Hathorn raised a concern that schools pick and choose students, and this is not fair to the child or other children.
11. Ms. Strasfeld excused herself.
12. Mr. Washington stressed his concern about the push-back that will occur when steps and plans begin to be implemented.
13. Mr. Tressel suggested a focus group to be put together to include the public on some of the conversations in hopes of avoiding drastic push-back or opposition to the plan.

14. Mr. Harris and Mr. Humphries said that the state must begin to act due to the legislative calendar, giving the Cabinet weeks to begin discussions outside of the group.
15. Mr. Washington excused himself.
16. Mr. Tressel informed the Cabinet that ACTION plans on holding a community forum event on May 21st (Time/place- TBD).
17. Mr. Tressel excused himself.
18. Mr. Humphries concluded the meeting.

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Buddy Harris, Department of Education Senior Policy Analyst
Jimmy Sheppard, Department of Education Chief of Staff
Sean O'Brien, Ohio House of Representatives State Representative
Merle Madrid, Governor's Office, Director of Constituent Affairs
Pete LuPiba, Department of Education Public Affairs Officer
Kevin Duff, Department of Education Senior Policy Analyst
Dr. Richard Ross, Department of Education Superintendent

Items Discussed:

1. Mr. Humphries thanks everyone for adjusting their schedules to attend this afternoon's meeting.
 - a. Requests that everyone be introduced around the table.
2. Dr. Ross begins the conversation by reminding everyone that confidentiality amongst the cabinet is essential until the plan begins to take place.
 - a. Dr. Ross stresses the fact that another generation of failing students coming out of Youngstown is no longer acceptable.
3. Mr. Sheppard thanks everyone for attending on short notice, and explains that the reason for the urgency to meet was due to the movement in the Ohio legislature in crafting a bill and passing it.
4. Dr. Ross requests that Mr. Harris and Mr. Duff explain the plan in detail
5. Mr. Harris thanks everyone for their hard work and Mr. Duff begins describing the plan.
6. Dr. Hathorn asked for clarity regarding students' ability to be moved throughout the district and requests that the legislation be as clear and direct as possible in order to help protect the children.
 - a. Dr. Ross responded and felt that Dr. Hathorn's concern will be addressed within the writing of the new plan.
7. Bishop Murry raised a concern of communicating the plan to the public.
8. Discussion took place amongst the cabinet regarding how to move forward with addressing the potential concerns of the public.
 - a. Mr. Humphries states that there is a PR person set to work with the Cabinet in order to ensure that everyone's public message is consistent.
 - b. Mr. Humphries has compiled a list of community groups/individuals that should be contacted to easily identify who the Cabinet must contact to avoid bad PR.

9. Dr. Hathorn endorses the plan and excuses himself.
10. Judge Douglas expresses his appreciation of a well thought out plan and stated his overall support for something new.
11. Dr. Ross and Mr. Humphries conclude the meeting by reinstating the fact that the Cabinet must remain confidential.

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Judge Robert Douglas, Retired
Tom Humphries, YW Regional Chamber President
Jan Strasfeld, Youngstown Foundation President
Nick Santucci, YW Regional Chamber
Merle Madrid, Governor's Office, Director of Constituent Affairs
Dr. Richard Ross and Staff, Department of Education Superintendent

Items Discussed:

1. Mr. Humphries thanks everyone for adjusting their schedules to attend this morning's conference call and describes the reasoning for the call and importance of staying organized.
 - a. Asks for Dr. Ross's confirmation regarding the speed and favorability of the current legislation
2. Dr. Ross agrees and confirms that the legislation is being looked at favorably by the conversations that have been taking place in Columbus.
3. Mr. Humphries asks that the Cabinet move through the compiled list of contacts and add/remove anyone that the Cabinet feels necessary.
4. Mr. Madrid endorses the organization of the Cabinet Contact List and reminds the group that the listed individuals must be contacted at the proper time in order to minimize any negative pushback from the public.
5. Ms. Strasfeld suggests the list be divided into a first tier and second tier, to ensure the most important people are contacted first and the Cabinet is as strategic as possible in addressing the community groups/individuals.
6. Mr. Humphries goes through the list, and various Cabinet Members volunteer to meet with members of the list.
7. Dr. Hathorn suggests that the Academic Distress Commission and the Local Parent Think Tank be contacted and addressed.
 - a. Dr. Hathorn will provide names and contact information.
8. Judge Douglas raises a question about messaging.
 - a. Mr. Tressel agrees and discussion begins about articulating a proper message and being as prepared as possible for questions when contacted.
9. Mr. Madrid clarified the message and articulated that the way the messaging is framed and presented is extremely important.
 - a. Mr. Madrid plans to have a few statements prepared for Mr. Humphries and Mr. Tressel's meeting on Monday.
10. Ms. Strasfeld would prefer two statements be made; one for the current time frame, and one for the future once the legislation is signed and enacted.

11. Mr. Humphries agrees and thanks everyone for attending the call and reminds the Cabinet that there will be another Cabinet Meeting Conference Call once we get approval from the State to begin talking about the plan.

Attendees:

Dr. Richard Ross, ODE State Superintendent
Bishop George Murry, Catholic Diocese
Herb Washington, H.L.W. Fast Track President
Judge Robert Douglas, Retired
Dr. Laura Meeks, Eastern Gateway Community College President
Tom Humphries, YW Regional Chamber President
Merle Madrid, Governor's Office Director of Constituent Affairs
Nick Santucci, YW Regional Chamber
Buddy Harris, ODE Senior Policy Analyst
Kevin Duff, ODE Senior Policy Analyst
Tim Ross, Eastern Ohio Regional Liaison
Jimmy Sheppard, ODE Chief of Staff
Guy Coviello, YW Regional Chamber VP Gov't Affairs and Media

Items Discussed:

1. Mr. Madrid began by giving the Cabinet an update on how we got to this point and notified the cabinet that within the next few days Gov. Kasich will sign H.B. 70 into law.
2. Mr. Madrid also confirmed that Ohio Sen. Schiavoni made an amendment to the Bill that one of the five members on the new board must be a resident in Mahoning County.
3. Judge Douglas asked a question about the role and authority of the Board of Education Members.
4. Bishop Murry asked a question about the Union contracts.
5. Dr. Meeks asked a question about the role of the current Superintendent.
6. Mr. Washington asked a question about the transition and inclusion of the community with moving forward.
7. Bishop Murry asked about what is going to be happening within the next few weeks/months.
8. Judge Douglas endorsed the plan and is proud that it is bold, creative, and effective.
9. All cabinet members agreed to their names being released to the media.