OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

Annual Report

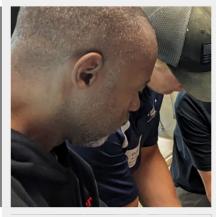
2022-23

NETWORKING ENGAGEMENT SAVINGS













Explore More







A message from our Executive Director



Networking. Engagement. Savings.

We are so proud of the work that our districts do for the students of Ohio! We, at the OSC, continue to work in support of our districts and communities. There are a number of key elements and themes that drove success for our districts and the Ohio Schools Council during the 2023 Fiscal Year. The 22-23 school year was an exciting year of financial savings for our districts and a year of listening, collaboration and strategic program development for the OSC. We saved our districts over \$15 million in natural gas costs and are on pace to save them over \$25 million in electricity costs. With the assistance of our newly-installed leadership team, we conducted 120 Membership Review Meetings, connecting districts with additional programs and savings. We welcomed another 12 districts to our family, bringing total membership to 283 school districts across northern Ohio.

Through the use of dynamic Networking Meetings, which we launched last fall, we were able to bring together more than 500 district staff members in various roles in an effort to grow, learn and share best practices. Attendees shared concerns, ideas and solutions through in-person meetings, zoom sessions, discussion boards, surveys and more.

The OSC, along with partners at Independence Local Schools and OASBO, were thrilled to host 45 districts this June to participate in the first-ever Maintenance and Custodial day. Hundreds of maintenance and custodial staff attended for an info-packed day of unique learning options and insightful professional development opportunities. The event was so successful that we've already set a date for June 12, 2024!

While still operating one of the largest natural gas purchasing and electricity groups in Ohio, the OSC has also added dozens of other programs including auction services, facility management software, public relations consulting, cafeteria refrigeration maintenance, safety tip line and so much more.

We hope you can take some time to read through our 2022-23 year in review to look for ways that your district can share in the many successes of others.

Let us know how we can assist your district in yet another exciting and successful school year.

Sincerely,

William J. Zelei

Executive Director
Ohio Schools Council





Our Team



William J. Zelei
Executive Director



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Dennis HonkalaAssistant Executive Director



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Director of Business Services



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Administrative Assistant



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Regional Liaison



Paul Smith Regional Liaison



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LEEMC Program Manager

Olmsted Falls City Schools



CUSTODIAL DAY SHINES WITH NETWORKING, COLLABORATION & SHARING OF BEST-PRACTICES

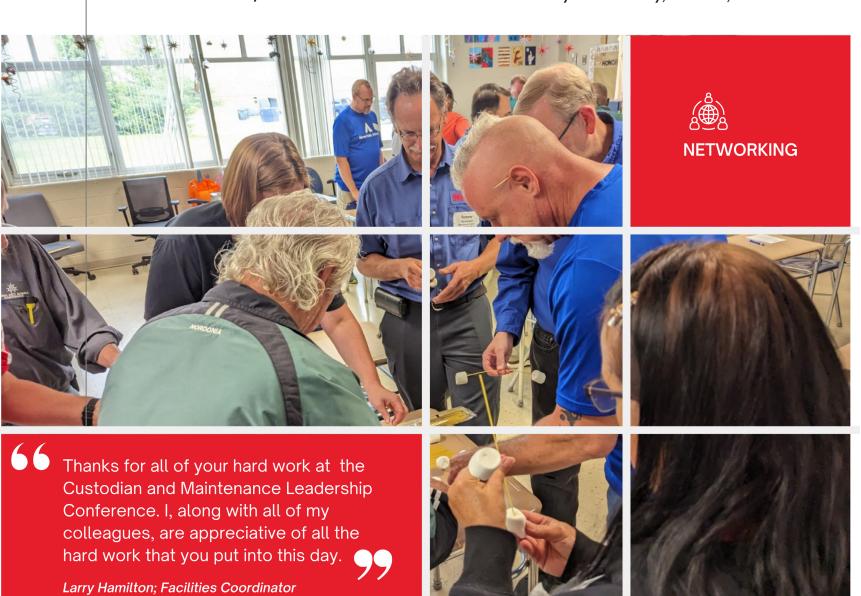
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The event, held at Independence Local Schools, featured a series of informative and engaging sessions highlighting customer service, summer cleaning procedures, staffing obstacles, cleaning standards and so much more.

A variety of vendors were in attendance including Gardiner Service Company, Capitol Aluminum and Glass Corp, Farnham Equipment Company, Shiffler Equipment Sales, Buckeye Cleaning Centers, Aramsco, Mars Electric, Hepner Filter, Chemsearch, Tremco, Nichols and Alco.

Using proceeds generated from vendor booth fees, the event successfully awarded \$450 student scholarships to 8 students from participating districts.

Save the date for our next Maintenance and Custodial Day: Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

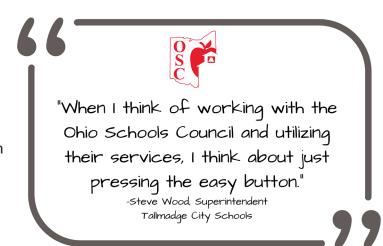


OSC ENHANCES NETWORK TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT, UPDATES AND TIMELY INFORMATION

Over the past several months, the Ohio Schools Council has hosted hundreds of member districts in a wide-variety of comprehensive networking meetings.

The meetings, held both in-person and via zoom, provide an opportunity for district staff to discuss issues and share ideas in an informal setting.

Business Manager, Transportation, Safety, Food Service, and Maintenance Supervisor Network Groups meet every two months and collaborate using their own share drive, contact list, surveys



and discussion board. The meetings provide an opportunity for districts to network with one another and share best practices.

In the coming year, the OSC looks to expand and enhance these opportunities by increasing access to preferred vendors, staying in line with the latest in collaborative technology and making it easier for members to connect and succeed.

Visit osconline.org to view meeting dates and register!

2022-23 OSC Network Meeting Attendees

515







OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL Year in Review 2022-23



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

OSC welcomes 12 new members!

TOTAL MEMBERS

283

STUDENTS SERVED 600,000+

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NEW MEMBERS

12

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

25

COUNTIES SERVED

37



New Members: City of Fairview Park, Education Alternatives, Field Local Schools, Horizon Education Centers, Massillon City Schools, Niles City Schools, RG Drage Center Technical Center, Sandy Valley Local Schools, St. Albert the Great School, St. Columbkille School, Sylvania Schools and Windham Exempted Village Schools



NO CAPITAL INVESTMENT REBATE PROGRAMS

Easy ways districts earn cash back.

TOTAL NO CAPITAL INVESTMENT REBATES:

5454K+

2022-23

\$365K

ELECTRICITY AUDIT REBATES

\$50K

DEMAND RESPONSE REBATE CHECKS

\$39K

HOME DEPOT REBATE CHECKS
(A 50% INCREASE FROM 2022!)

DISCOUNTED SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Volume discounts. Increased Savings.

37 PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS
141 VENDORS REPRESENTED
\$100K TOTAL SALES



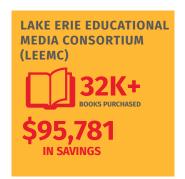




2.5 million
GALLONS OF DIESEL & GASOLINE PURCHASED

DISCOUNTED SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Exciting facts & figures... from 2022-23.





315 \$18K

LEGAL HOTLINE
HOURS PURCHASED

OSC discounts up to 15-20% off average hourly attorney rate.



101 LIFE INSURANCE MEMBERS

6 NEW LIFE INSURANCE MEMBERS

\$2.1 million savings



in total annual premiums

This year, OSC welcomed 6 new life insurance members providing an easy way for districts to save big on rising insurance costs!

3 HEALTH ALLIANCE MEMBERS SAVED \$89 K in annual premiums

The OSC is proud to offer expert guidance and assistance for schools looking to bolster their building safety programs. Our staff is trained to assist with planning, assessments and a wide-variety of trainings...all at a low hourly rate.

SAFETY PLANNING:

164 buildings served



SAFETY ASSESSMENTS:

19 expert assessments performed

SAFETY TRAININGS:

19 successful safety trainings performed

DISCOUNTED SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Volume discounts. Increased Savings.

OSC and other Ohio cooperative agencies' relationships with the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) combines the purchasing power of 29 states to offer national pricing on even more quality products and premier services!

We're seeing unprecedented growth.



OSC UTILITY PROGRAMS

Provide savings and certainty.

HISTORICAL SAVINGS!

We're on pace to provide our members \$40 Million in savings on Natural Gas & Electricity!

We saved our districts over \$15 million in natural gas costs and are on pace to save them over \$25 million in electricity costs.

OSC Utility programs offer savings, pricing certainty, protective covenants and legal assistance. This year, the OSC challenged the Columbia Gas (COH) proposed \$212 million increase in customer prices by devoting specialized legal services and expert witness testimony. The OSC and other organizations were successful in obtaining a 67% decrease in the COH's intended massive price hike.

New solutions on the horizon!

While still operating one of the largest natural gas purchasing and electricity groups in Ohio, the OSC has also added more than a dozen of other programs including auction services, facility management software, public relations consulting, cafeteria refrigeration maintenance, safety tip line and so much more.

2022-23 FINANCIALS

GENERAL FUND: ENDING CASH BALANCE

\$9,283,833

GENERAL FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENSES



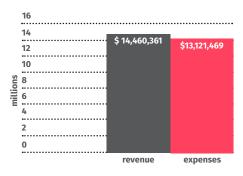
AGENCY FUND: ENDING CASH BALANCE

revenue

expenses

\$3,402,545

AGENCY FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENSES



OSC GENERAL FUND:

Fiscal Year 23 provided the OSC with the opportunity to provide our districts with tremendous cost savings in Natural Gas (\$15 million) and Electricity (\$25 million) and to enhance our leadership team. In addition to continuing to meet the everyday needs of school districts, the OSC shifted its focus to listening, sharing and developing strategic programming.

We conducted 120 District Membership Review Meetings, connecting our valued members with revitalized programming options and new savings opportunities. We initiated expanded Networking Meetings, bringing together over 500 Business Managers, Food Service, Custodial-Maintenance and Transportation Supervisors to learn and share concerns, ideas, solutions and best practices through in-person and remote opportunities, discussion boards, surveys and more. Representatives from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce were also present to provide support to our members. In addition, we partnered with OASBO and Independence Local Schools to host 45 districts in a first-ever Maintenance and Custodial Academy.

The Ohio Schools Council has continued its steady growth, providing the OSC with the opportunity to serve 12 more districts, bringing total membership to 283 districts and educational institutions in 37 counties in northern Ohio. Through work at our Advisory Committee Meetings, Networking Meetings and through recommendations of our member districts, we have also added dozens of new programs including auction services, facility management software, bus routing software, bus discipline software, public relations consulting, cold storage monitoring, safety tip line and so much more. We appreciate the support of our Superintendents and Boards of Education in allowing staff to participate in the Advisory Committee Meetings and Networking Meetings.

In Fiscal Year 23, the OSC General Fund had Revenues of \$2,380,332 and Expenses of \$2,119,592. This resulted in a General Fund Year End Balance of \$9,283,833.

OSC AGENCY FUND:

In Fiscal Year 23 the OSC Agency Fund continued to handle the normal receipts and expenditures of the Natural Gas Program and Life Insurance Program. In FY 23, the Agency Fund had Revenues of \$14,460,361 and Expenditures of \$13,121,469. This resulted in an Agency Fund Year End Balance of \$3,402,545.

2022-23 Ohio Schools Council - Advisory Committee & Board

2022-23 OSC Board of Directors

Jack Thompson, Chairperson Perry Local Schools-Lake

Franco Gallo, Vice Chairperson ESC of Lorain County

Scott Goggin, Past Chairperson Westlake City Schools

Fred Bolden, Director Solon City Schools

Andrea Celico, Director Cuyahoga Falls City Schools

David Heflinger, Director Field Local Schools

Robert Hlasko, Director ESC of Medina County

Robert Mengerink, Director ESC of Northeast Ohio

Roxann Ramsey-Caserio, Director North Ridgeville City Schools

2022-23 Advisory Committee (Central)

Colleen Aholt, Treasurer Brooklyn City Schools

Steve Breckner, Business Manager Strongsville City Schools

Dave Chambers, Treasurer Medina City Schools

Bryan Christman, Treasurer Shaker Heights City Schools Tom Dreiling, Assistant Superintendent Independence Local Schools

Aaron Ereditario, Business Manager Bay Village City Schools

Jeffrey Grosse, Business Manager Shaker Heights City Schools

Mike Householder, Business Manager Tallmadge City Schools

David Kocevar, Business Manager Westlake City Schools

Bradley Leyrer, Business Manager Wickliffe City Schools

Greg Markus, Treasurer Rocky River City Schools

Ryan O'Cull, Business Manager Medina City Schools

Steve Wood, Superintendent Tallmadge City Schools

2022-23 Advisory Committee (East)

Terry Armstrong, Treasurer Newton Falls Ex Vill Schools

Mark Bello, Treasurer Girard City Schools

Ryan Cene, Treasurer Struthers City Schools

Steve Chiaro, Superintendent Warren City Schools Amber DeJulio, Treasurer Hubbard Ex. Village Schools

Micki Egli, Superintendent West Branch Local Schools

Adam Fisher, Treasurer West Branch Local Schools

Traci Hostetler, Superintendent ESC of Eastern Ohio

Robert Kearns, Business Manager Youngstown City Schools

Robert Marino, Assistant Superintendent Trumbull County ESC

Cheryl McArthur, Business Manager Campbell City Schools

Pete Pirone, Superintendent Struthers City Schools

Raymond Soloman, Superintendent Hubbard Ex. Village Schools

Stephen York, Business Manager Ravenna Schools

2022-23 Advisory Committee (West)

Anne Arnold, Treasurer Gibsonburg Schools

Shane Baumgardner, Treasurer Danbury Local Schools

Brad Deleruyelle, Treasurer Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools Matt Feasel, Treasurer
Pike-Delta-York Local Schools

Kevin Haught, Superintendent Arlington Local Schools

Don Horstman, Superintendent Ottawa-Glandorf Local Schools

Mark Kowalski, Superintendent Liberty-Benton Local Schools

Ryan Lockwood, III, Treasurer Springfield Local Schools (Lucas)

James Mapus, Business Manager Perrysburg Ex. Village Schools

Bill Nye, Treasurer Genoa Area Local Schools

Mel Rentschler, Superintendent Allen East Local Schools

Brad Romano, Superintendent New London Local Schools

Greg Rossman, Superintendent Riverdale Local Schools

Jennifer Sudhoff, Treasurer Benjamin Logan Local Schools

Cheryl Swisher, Treasurer Defiance City Schools

Matt White, Superintendent Hopewell-Loudon Schools

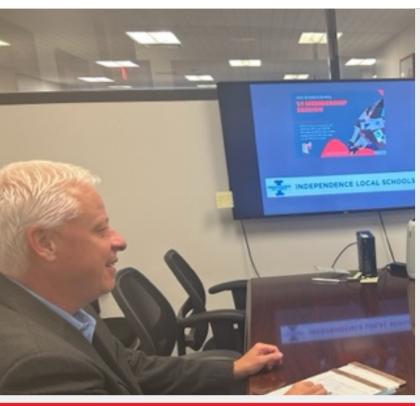
Jeff Young, Superintendent Hancock County ESC

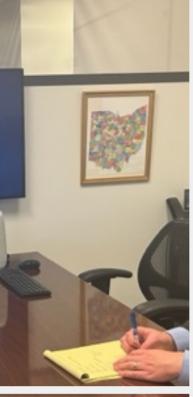
1:1 OSC MEMBERSHIP REVIEW MEETINGS UNCOVER UNDERUTILIZED PROGRAMMING AND SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES

As our mission states, the Ohio Schools Council is your go-to resource for creating efficiencies and saving money. As a component of that mission, we were honored to spend a great deal of time this past year tuning into the direct needs of our member districts.

Through the use of dynamic 1:1 Membership Review meetings, the leadership team at OSC was able to provide 120 districts with a comprehensive and collaborative needs assessment. As a result, we were able to connect our members with valuable resources and recommendations while also looking at ways we can expand our services...all in an effort to meet the ever-changing needs of our districts and help them achieve success.

Moving forward, these meetings will serve as a valuable platform to inform, connect and expand our offerings as well as provide our members with enhanced opportunities on an annual basis.



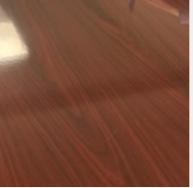






"I was really looking forward to our Membership Review Meeting with the Ohio Schools Team and uncovering additional ways to save money as well as reviewing the programming and savings that we were already experiencing."

Shelley Monachino; Superintendent Springfield Local Schools



ENGAGEMENT

THE OSC DIFFERENCE: WE DON'T BUY OR SELL... WE FACILITATE

As we work together to grow our membership base, increase engagement and strengthen our relationships we are happy to report an increase in program participation for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year.

INCREASED ENGAGEMENT

This year, through the process of robust membership review meetings and enhanced networking opportunities, we were able to connect more members with more options for savings and success. Because of our enhanced purchasing power, districts turned to the OSC for assistance in stretching their ESSER funds and connecting them with valuable programs that put dollars back into their budgets. This resulted in a dramatic increase of No Capital Investment Rebate programs like our Electricity Audit program, which helped districts collect more than \$365,000 in rebate incentives in FY 2023.

New initiatives like our Grants Web Page, launched in the fall of 2022, allowed districts to become better-informed of diverse opportunities to fund new projects and create enhanced opportunities. Simple ideas like combining our wide variety of supplies into a robust Supply Catalog placed easy buying solutions directly into the hands of school leaders looking to improve their facilities and boost the learning environment.

ENHANCED PURCHASING POWER

Through its robust catalog of more than 45 commodity groups, AEPA provides savings on a wide variety of products and services, reduced administrative time, and pre-bid contract prices. The organization combines the purchasing power of 29 states to offer national pricing on even more quality products and premier services. As ESSER funding was still available to districts, 2022-23 provided a great opportunity to take advantage of these pre-bid, competitive catalogs.

"OSC guided our Administrative Team through the no capital investment rebate opportunity by auditing our bills. As a result, we were able to secure \$35,268.23 additional dollars in rebates for the district."

-Steve Chiaro, Superintendent Warren City Schools







OSC members utilized these contracts for a variety of services this year including roofing, athletic equipment, furniture, and more.

GREATER SAVINGS

As a result of our efforts, we are proud to have helped our districts continue to save time and valuable resources this year. We don't buy or sell... we facilitate. That's the OSC difference!

Moving into FY 24, please know that the OSC will be here to support you and will continue to innovate to meet the needs of your school district.



"By engaging in a Membership Review Meeting, my district and the OSC worked together to find a \$15,000 grant for which we were eligible. Can you believe it?!? A \$15,000 meeting!"

-Cajon Keeton Treasurer, Benton-Carroll-Salem Schools





2022-23 OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Akron Public Schools Allen East Local Schools Alliance City Schools Amherst Ex. Village Schools Anthony Wayne Local Schools Arcadia Local Schools

Archbold Area Schools Arlington Local Schools Ashland City Schools Ashtabula Area City Schools Ashtabula County ESC

Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center (A-Tech)
Auburn Career Center

Aurora City Schools Austintown Local Schools Avon Lake City Schools Avon Local Schools Ayersville Local Schools Barberton City Schools Bay Village City Schools **Beachwood City Schools** Beaver Local Schools Bedford City Schools Bellevue City Schools

Benjamin Logan Local Schools Benton-Carroll-Salem Schools Berea City Schools Berkshire Local Schools Black River Local Schools Bloomfield-Mespo Local Schools

Boardman Local Schools

Bowling Green City Schools Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools

Brookfield Local Schools Brooklyn City Schools Brunswick City Schools

Bryan City Schools Buckeye Local Schools (Ashtabula) Buckeye Local Schools (Jeff.) Buckeye Local Schools (Medina)

Bucyrus City Schools Campbell City Schools Canfield Local Schools Canton City Schools (Stark)
Cardinal Local Schools Central Local Schools Chagrin Falls Ex. Village Schools Champion Local Schools Chardon Local Schools

Clearview Local Schools Cleve. Hts.-Univ. Hts. City Schools Cleveland Metropolitan Schools Cloverleaf Local Schools Clyde-Green Springs Schools Columbia Local Schools

Chippewa Local Schools

Columbiana County Career & Technical Center

Conneaut Area City Schools Copley-Fairlawn City Schools Cory-Rawson Local Schools Coventry Local Schools Crestwood Local Schools Cuyahoga County Board of DD Cuyahoga Falls City Schools Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

Dalton Local Schools Danbury Local Schools **Defiance City Schools** Defiance County Board of DD East Cleveland City Schools East Liverpool City Schools

Eastwood Local Schools Edison Local Schools (Berlin-Milan)

Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve EHOVE Career Center

Elyria City Schools ESC of Eastern Ohio ESC of Lake Erie West ESC of Lorain County ESC of Medina County ESC of Northeast Ohio **Euclid City Schools** Evergreen Local Schools

Fairport Harbor Ex. Village Schools Fairview Park City Schools Field Local Schools

Findlay City Schools Firelands Local Schools Fremont City Schools Frontier Local Schools
Garfield Heights City Schools Geauga County Board of DD Geneva Area City Schools Genoa Area Local Schools

Gibsonburg Schools Girard City Schools Grand Valley Local Schools Green Local Schools (Summit) Hancock County ESC

Hicksville Ex. Village Schools Highland Local Schools (Medina) Hopewell-Loudon Schools Hubbard Ex. Village Schools Hudson City Schools Huron City Schools Independence Local Schools Jackson Local Schools

Jackson-Milton Local Schools James A. Garfield Local Schools Jefferson Area Local Schools Joseph Badger Schools Kenston Local Schools Kent City Schools Keystone Local Schools Kirtland Local Schools

LaBrae Local Schools Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood

Lake Local Schools (Wood) Lakewood City Schools Lakota Local Schools (Sandusky) Liberty Local Schools (Trumbull) Liberty-Benton Local Schools Lisbon Ex. Village Schools Lorain City Schools

Lorain County Board of DD (Murray Ridge Center)

Lorain County JVS Lordstown Local Schools Lowellville Schools Madison Local Schools (Richland)

Madison Local Schools (Lake) Mahoning County Board of DD Mahoning County Career and Tech Center Manchester Local Schools (Summit)

Mansfield City Schools Maple Heights City Schools Mapleton Local Schools Maplewood Career Center Margaretta Local Schools Massillon City Schools Mathews Local Schools Mayfield City Schools McComb Local Schools

Medina City Schools Medina County Board of DD/Windfall School

Medina County Career Center Mentor Public Schools Mid-Ohio ESC Midview Schools Mogadore Local Schools Monroeville Local Schools New London Local Schools New Philadelphia City Schools Newton Falls Ex Vill Schools Niles City Schools Nordonia Hills City Schools

North Baltimore Local Schools North Central Ohio ESC North Olmsted City Schools North Point ESC North Ridgeville City Schools

North Royalton City Schools Northwest Ohio ESC

Northwestern Local Schools (Wayne) Northwood Schools

Norton City Schools Norwalk City Schools Oberlin City Schools Olmsted Falls City Schools Orange City Schools Oregon City Schools Orrville City Schools Otsego Local Schools Ottawa Hills Local Schools Ottawa-Glandorf Local Schools Painesville City Local Schools

Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools Parma City Schools Penta Career Center Perkins Local Schools Perry Local Schools (Lake) Perrysburg Ex. Village Schools Pettisville Local Schools Pike-Delta-York Local Schools Plain Local Schools Poland Local Schools Polaris Career Center Port Clinton City Schools

Portage County Board of DD Positive Education Program (PEP) **Putnam County ESC**

Pymatuning Valley Local Schools Ravenna Schools

Revere Local Schools

RG Drage Career Technical Center (Stark County Area JVS)

Richmond Heights Local Schools Rittman Exempted Village Schools River Valley Local Schools Riverdale Local Schools Riverside Local Schools (Lake) Rocky River City Schools Rootstown Local Schools Rossford Ex. Village Schools Sandusky City Schools Sebring Local Schools Shaker Heights City Schools Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools Solon City Schools

South Central Local Schools South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools South Range Local Schools Southeast Local Schools (Portage) Southwest Licking Local Schools Springfield City Schools (Clark) Springfield Local Schools (Summit) Springfield Local Schools (Lucas) Springfield Local Schools (Mahoning) Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools

Streetsboro City Schools Strongsville City Schools Struthers City Schools

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board (Summit DD) Summit ESC

Swanton Local Schools Sylvania Schools . Tallmadge City Schools

Tiffin City Schools Triway Local Schools

Trumbull Career & Technical Center

Trumbull County Board of DD - Fairhaven School

Trumbull County ESC Twinsburg City Schools

Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers Vermilion Local Schools Wadsworth City Schools Warren City Schools Warrensville Heights City Schools

Washington Local Schools Waterloo Local Schools Wauseon Ex Village Schools Wayne County Schools Career Center

Weathersfield Local Schools Wellington Ex. Village Schools West Branch Local Schools West Geauga Local Schools West Holmes Local Schools

Western Reserve Local Schools (Huron) Western Reserve Local Schools (Mahoning)

Westlake City Schools Wickliffe City Schools Willard City Schools

Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools Windham Exempted Village Schools

Wood County ESC Woodmore Local Schools Woodridge Local Schools Wooster City Schools Youngstown City Schools

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

City of Cleveland City of Cleveland Heights City of Fairview Park City of Lyndhurst City of Mentor City of Richmond Heights City of Shaker Heights City of Willoughby

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library

Cleveland Metroparks **Education Alternatives** Global Village Academy Hathaway Brown School Hawken School Hebrew Academy of Cleveland

Horizon Education Centers Lakeland Community College Medina County Commissioners St. Albert the Great St. Angela Merici School St. Bernadette St. Columbkille School

Sts. Joseph & John Interparochial School

Urban Community School

St. Helen School

