

Within Our REACH

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Greetings!

Hopefully, you had a refreshing summer and are experiencing a fantastic fall. This is the first edition of the REACHhigher newsletter. The design was developed by Melinda Brunner and Sheldon McMahon. A thank you is extended to both.

Congratulations!

On the State of Ohio's School District Report Card for 2008– 2009, 4 of the 15 Lorain County School Districts raised their designation status from the previous school year, and 11 districts maintained their ratings. Four school districts received the highest designation, "Excellent with Distinction", and one was designated "Excellent".

Each school district's leadership, students, staff and parents are to be congratulated!

Priorities

REACHhigher's 5 Work Groups have been meeting to address the priorities set by the REACHhigher Governance Board. By 2014:

- Each learner will be ready for kindergarten.
- The high school graduation rate will be 100%.

Did You Know?

- The 3–9 Work Group in September hosted 52 school administrators for a session on "Transitions Beyond the First Day".
- The 11–20 Work Group in September hosted a focus group session that was facilitated by two persons from Toledo, whose time was donated by their company. Observations generated from the session will be focused upon at the November REACHhigher Governance Board meeting.
- REACHhigher presented its development, focus and current activities for a meeting of the Greater Cleveland Superintendents Association.