



FACT SHEET

MISSION:

The Ohio 8 Coalition's mission is to work with policy makers to improve academic performance, increase graduation rates and close the achievement gap for urban children throughout Ohio. The Coalition carries out its mission by working closely with legislators, educators, parents, labor and community officials.

The Coalition brings a shared administrator-teacher voice to the shaping of state policy and practice.

BACKGROUND:

The Coalition is a strategic alliance composed of the superintendents and teacher union presidents from Ohio's eight largest urban school districts - Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown.

The Coalition was convened in the fall of 2001 by four Ohio funders, the Cleveland, George Gund, Martha Holden Jennings and KnowledgeWorks foundations; additional funding has been provided by Chicago-based Joyce Foundation.

The Coalition is founded on the principle that a high-performance public education system is essential to the civic and economic health of Ohio's cities. The Coalition is the first-ever formal collaboration of Ohio's urban superintendents and teacher union presidents. Because it places such strong emphasis on collaboration and partnership, the Coalition enables superintendents and union presidents to work together on issues of common concern.

ISSUES OF CONCERN:

Originally convened to focus on the implementation of Ohio's Senate Bill 1, the Coalition subsequently expanded its work to include a wide range of school reform issues of particular interest to urban communities. These issues include student performance, achievement gap, graduation rates, school facilities, teacher quality, funding, public engagement, and implementation of federal and state requirements.

LEADERSHIP:

The Coalition is governed by a Leadership Council, currently co-chaired by John Foley, superintendent of Toledo Public Schools, and Rhonda Johnson, president of the Columbus Education Association. William Wendling, president of Wendling Communications, serves as executive director.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Akron

David James, **Superintendent**
Bill Siegfert, **President Akron Education Association**

Canton

Michele Evans-Gardell, **Superintendent**
Pam Jackson, **President Canton Professional Educators Association**

Cincinnati

Mary Ronan, **Superintendent**
Tim Kraus, **President Cincinnati Federation of Teachers**

Cleveland

Eugene T.W. Sanders, **Chief Executive Officer**
David Quolke, **President Cleveland Teachers Union**

Columbus

Gene T. Harris, **Superintendent**
Rhonda Johnson, **President Columbus Education Association**

Dayton

Kurt T. Stanic, **Superintendent**
Patricia Lynch, **President Dayton Education Association**

Toledo

John Foley, **Superintendent**
Francine Lawrence, **President Toledo Federation of Teachers**

Youngstown

Wendy Webb, **Superintendent**
Will Bagnola, **President Youngstown Education Association**

2007-2008 Enrollment Data

District	Student Enrollment	*2007 Estimated Population	Median Income	% Students with Disabilities	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Limited English Proficient
Akron	24,986	207,934	\$24,561	17.5	79.7	2.0
Canton	10,273	78,319	\$21,000	16.1	73.5	0.5
Cincinnati	33,781	332,458	\$26,489	20.3	59.9	2.5
Cleveland	50,078	438,042	\$22,127	20.0	83.7	5.3
Columbus	52,894	747,755	\$26,210	15.7	98.1	8.6
Dayton	15,023	155,461	\$23,067	20.2	90.4	1.9
Toledo	27,200	295,029	\$25,106	18.6	55.2	1.8
Youngstown	7,215	73,818	\$20,047	16.5	87.2	2.2
Ohio 8	221,450	2,328,816	\$23,576	18.1	78.5	3.1
Statewide	1,751,511	11,353,140	\$31,321	14.5	37.5	1.8
OH8 % of Statewide	12.6	20.5	--	15.9	26.7	30.6

*Source: US Census Bureau website 3/23/09

2007-2008 Student Enrollment by Race and Ethnicity

District	% American Indian Alaskan Native	% Asian/Pacific Islander	% Black, non-Hispanic	% Hispanic	% Multi-racial	% White
Akron	0.1	2.0	48.0	1.4	6.0	42.4
Canton	0.3	0.3	35.8	1.2	12.1	50.3
Cincinnati	0.1	0.8	69.4	1.6	4.3	23.8
Cleveland	0.3	0.6	69.8	11.4	2.2	15.7
Columbus	0.2	1.9	61.7	5.6	3.1	27.4
Dayton	--	0.4	69.6	2.5	3.5	24.0
Toledo	0.1	0.6	46.2	8.1	4.1	40.9
Youngstown	--	0.2	69.0	7.4	4.3	19.1
Ohio 8 Ave.	0.1	0.8	58.7	4.9	5.0	30.5
Statewide	0.2	1.5	16.5	2.4	3.4	75.9
OH8 % of Statewide	13.0	1.0	46.7	28.3	15.0	4.8

2007-2008 District Expenditures

District	Spending Per Student	% Admin	% Bldg. Ops.	% Staff Support	% Pupil Supp.	% Instructional	Total No. of Teachers	Ave. Teacher Salary
Akron	\$12,055	11.7	18.5	5.0	9.1	55.7	1,823	\$57,069
Canton	\$10,650	13.0	16.7	4.2	10.8	55.3	643	\$53,656
Cincinnati	\$12,317	11.9	18.8	7.9	8.8	52.6	2,045	\$64,029
Cleveland	\$13,355	10.9	17.2	6.0	7.7	58.3	3,515	\$63,069
Columbus	\$13,969	11.9	20.3	5.2	12.0	50.6	2,983	\$62,474
Dayton	\$12,705	12.1	26.7	4.3	8.6	48.4	925	\$52,450
Toledo	\$11,979	13.4	19.3	2.3	12.7	52.3	1,916	\$50,083
Youngstown	\$13,302	12.0	26.5	5.8	11.4	44.2	546	\$50,729
Ohio 8 Ave.	\$12,542	12.1	20.5	5.1	10.1	52.2	14,396	\$56,695
Statewide	\$9,939	12.3	19.4	3.1	9.8	55.4	107,924	\$53,410

2007-2008 District Revenues

District	Revenue Per Student	% Local	% State	% Federal
Akron	\$12,911	39.4	48.6	12.0
Canton	\$11,343	29.9	57.1	13.0
Cincinnati	\$13,226	54.5	31.0	14.5
Cleveland	\$14,153	28.0	54.5	17.4
Columbus	\$13,983	51.7	31.2	17.1
Dayton	\$13,619	36.5	49.1	14.5
Toledo	\$11,892	36.0	52.7	11.4
Youngstown	\$17,551	20.2	62.8	17.0
Ohio 8 Ave.	\$13,585	37.0	48.4	14.6
Statewide	\$10,565	48.3	43.6	8.2

All Data are from The Ohio Department of Education's online "Data Warehouse" as of 3/10/09.