

International Education Advisory Committee

MISSION

To provide Ohioans with the necessary knowledge, abilities and opportunities to thrive in a global society

In 2006 the Ohio Department of Education received a grant from the Longview Foundation to create an International Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) charged with:

- Creating a vision for a strategic educational response to globalization and technological progress
- Forging partnerships between P-12, higher education, business, foundations and government to accomplish shared goals and accelerate change.

The IEAC consists of educators, businesses, foundations, policy makers and community organizations who believe that Ohio must plan strategically and take action to prepare students to succeed in the world of the 21st Century.

International education is vital to Ohio's economy. Students with international perspectives will play key roles in health care, politics, national security and environmental preservation. They will be working with people from other countries no matter what their occupation or role in society. Students must be prepared to succeed in this international context with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to understand global systems.

ACTIVITIES AND RECENT HONORS

Ohio Summit for International Education

In April 2007 the IEAC convened a meeting of businesses and educators to discuss how to build a world class education system in Ohio. Funding for the summits was provided by the Longview Foundation, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and Procter & Gamble.

ThinkGlobalOhio.org

This website, hosted by Time Warner Cable and funded by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, serves as an online advocacy toolkit for international education in Ohio.

Goldman Sachs Prize for Excellence in International Education

On March 10, 2008, Ohio was awarded the 2007 Goldman Sachs prize for its efforts in international benchmarking and strategic partnerships to further international education.

Spring 2008 Survey

Schools in Ohio were surveyed to determine the extent and nature of international education opportunities taking place. Results are posted on the *ThinkGlobalOhio.org* Web site.

Fall 2008 Regional Summits

Meetings are being planned in five regions of the state to bring educators together with business and community organizations to talk about common goals and ideas for working together.

Strategic Plan

A document that outlines the vision, goals and action steps to infuse international perspectives into education in Ohio will be available in draft form during the fall 2008 Regional Summits.

Recognition for Exemplary Schools

The committee is exploring ways to recognize schools that are making international education opportunities available for students.

Second Ohio Summit for International Education

Another statewide summit of business, community and education leaders is planned for the spring of 2009. The strategic plan will be available in final form at that time.

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