ADVOACY UPDATE
Student Success Leadership Institute
Winter ‘22 Meeting

Jack Hershey, OACC President & CEO
Tom Walsh, OACC Vice President
Intel to Transform the Silicon Heartland

An investment that will transform Ohio

- $100 billion investment – 5x the investment of Honda in Ohio.
- 100,000 jobs
- 141 existing Ohio companies in the supply chain, plus more coming.
- Increased focus on the workforce pipeline from state leaders.
- Just the beginning?
134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIORITIES

- MAKE OHIO “WORKFORCE READY”
- CLOSE EQUITY GAPS THROUGH ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY
- FUND STUDENT SUCCESS
- IMPROVE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS
- DEREGULATION
THE "BIG 3" LEADERS

GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE
Republican (Cedarville, OH)

SPEAKER BOB CUPP
Republican (Lima, OH)

SEN. PRESIDENT MATT HUFFMAN
Republican (Lima, OH)

Statehouse Snapshot

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
• 64 Republicans
• 35 Democrats

OHIO SENATE
• 25 Republicans
• 8 Democrats
Looking Ahead

Redistricting – Constitutional Crisis?
• Supreme Court Ruling
• Map Uncertainty
• Primary Uncertainty – May 3rd?

Legislative Calendar
• Session and Committee Schedules

Campaign Season!!!
Capital & Infrastructure Funding

Traditional State Capital Budget

Capital Reappropriations

State ARPA Funds - Round 2

“Accelerate 2022”
  • Workforce Related, Business-Backed Capita Projects
Academic Issues – Reshaping Education

HB 322 & HB 327 (anti-CRT Bills): “Prohibited Concepts”

HB 368: College Credit Plus Weighting vs. AP Courses

HB 529: Posting Curriculums online

Higher Education Reform Legislation
  • SB 135
  • HB 514

K-12 Funding
Specifically Studied Biden (D) / Youngkin (R) Crossover Voters:

• Education dominated the Governor’s race with these voters

• School Closures and COVID policies were a bigger factor than Critical Race Theory.
“These voters were more animated talking about their dissatisfaction with their local school districts’ handling of COVID. They felt buffeted by changing and inconsistent policies and concerned about the impact on student learning loss, and there was a sense among some that Virginia was not following the science by keeping schools closed later than other states. One participant, a Biden voter, stated flat out that her vote for Youngkin “was against the party that closed the schools for so long last year.”
Virginia Post Gubernatorial Election Analysis

“CRT in schools is not an issue in and of itself, but it taps into these voters’ frustrations.”

- This group was nearly unanimous in describing the country as divided and politics as being unavoidably in their faces.
- They feel that people’s ability to have a civil conversation has vanished.
- They feel that they have to walk on eggshells even on seemingly innocuous topics.
- Theorized that these feelings extended to discussions around race in schools, where these voters were less concerned with CRT, but expressed frustration with the uncompromising approach they see being taken towards complicated subjects.
Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber has three performance audits in process as it relates to higher education, all of which could be finished in 2022:

- College Credit Plus
- Co-Located Campuses
- Higher Education Facilities
Federal Issues on the Horizon

• CHIPS Act – Federal Workforce Funding for Microchip Industry
• Short Term PELL Grants & College Transparency Act
• Potentially Impactful Lame Duck Session
New Legislative Districts

• Ongoing debate between the Ohio Redistricting Commission and Ohio Supreme Court is consuming Legislature’s time

• Contempt of Court Deadline was today

• Attempts to bypass Ohio Supreme Court have begun

• Size of Republican majorities in House & Senate at stake
Chancellor’s Study on At-Risk SSI Weights

- Will study the most appropriate definitions of at-risk students and formula weights for at-risk students that may be used in the SSI distribution

- Will make recommendations on:
  - Definitions of access students
  - The specific weights for access students
  - Level of funding for access students

- Completed by June 30, 2022