



**Department
of Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Dr. Richard A. Ross, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Governor John R. Kasich
77 South High Street
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Dear Governor Kasich,

As part of the Education Mid-Biennium Review, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction was tasked with creating the Career Advising and Mentoring Program. This program, established in Section 263.270 of Am. Sub. H.B. 483 of the 130th General Assembly, directs the State Superintendent to develop guidelines for the awarding of grants to local networks of volunteers and organizations sponsoring career advising and mentoring programs. Based on these guidelines, I, as Superintendent, will award competitive matching grants to local mentoring networks based in eligible school districts of up to three times the amount of funds provided by the local network.

Pursuant to this obligation, I have determined that the guidance and input of an appointed board of individuals from the business community, civic organizations, and other groups dedicated to mentorship and career, is crucial to designing and implementing this program. Because the Governor's Office is uniquely positioned to identify individuals with the qualifications needed to advise me in this capacity, I am requesting an Executive Order that creates an advisory board for the Career Advising and Mentoring Program. Further, I am requesting that the Governor's Office, in consultation with me, have the authority to appoint members to this advisory board in the number and manner the Governor determines appropriate. Ultimately, my goal is to use the Board member's expertise and knowledge in the development of the program's guidelines, as well as to have them provide me with advice and recommendations regarding potential state matching grant recipients.

I look forward to working with you in creation and appointment of members to this body. I am confident that the guidance, advice, and recommendations provided by the members of the Career Advising and Mentoring Grant Program Advisory Board will prove helpful in the development and execution of this worthy program. Your time and attention on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Ross
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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