

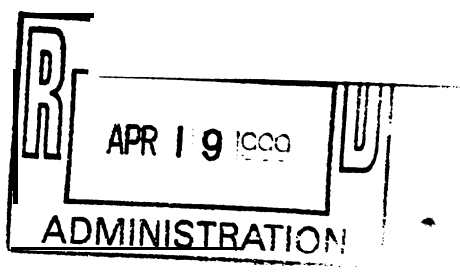
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CABINET ADVISORY NO.: 99-03
SUBJECT: Adopt-A-School Program

To All Cabinet Directors:

I am writing to share with you my continued commitment to the Adopt-A-School program. Attached is a copy of a recently executed Executive Order and a related policy regarding administrative leave time for employee participation in Adopt-A-School programs.

I would also like to announce that I have asked Mr. Art Flesch, Administrator, Employee Development & Training/Quality Programs, Ohio Department of Taxation, to serve as my appointed coordinator for all state agencies for Adopt-A-School. As state agency coordinator, Mr. Flesch will work closely with Beverly Martin, my Director of Operations and Special Projects, as well as the Ohio Department of Education, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Columbus Public Schools, to assist with implementation and further development of state agency programs. For the past several years, Mr. Flesch has been an active participant and enthusiastic champion of school/community partnerships by state employees. I am certain your agency can benefit from Mr. Flesch's experience and expertise.

I strongly encourage all departments to continue and strengthen existing school partnerships or to formally adopt a school. In addition, I encourage each agency with an existing partnership with an elementary school to devise ways to help improve the reading skills of the students through tutoring. If you have questions about the OhioReads initiative, please contact to call Beverly Martin at 728-5966.

Sincerely,

Bob Taft

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Governor

cc: Statewide Elected Officials; Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives; President, Ohio Senate

