

THE RESPONSIBLE SOLUTION

May, 2014



Dear Alliance Member:

This is the first time that I have had the honor, as Chair, of urging you to continue your membership in the Alliance and to help to maintain the exceptional level of good work that has been accomplished by our organization in the past twelve months, just as it did during the twenty plus years before.

Our membership is growing, our finances are solid, and our involvement in matters impacting education policy, not just funding, is expanding on a daily basis.

Thanks to the initial efforts of several Alliance member districts from southeast Ohio, and subsequent work by other Alliance members and Alliance staff, the district Quality Profile is in the process of being implemented by more than 100 school districts. We are hopeful that all of those districts will participate in the targeted August 15th roll-out. The Quality Profile allows participating districts an opportunity to provide regular reports to residents on matters that those same stakeholders deem most important to the community. It can be a meaningful tool for building support among voters and for guiding a district's progress in supporting our most important constituents, our students.

In late April, the Alliance co-hosted a "Heroin Summit" designed to provide school districts with motivation and tools to fight drug addiction, especially heroin addiction, in our communities. Because educators have the opportunity to work with young people everyday, school staff members are well-positioned to detect symptoms and hasten treatment. The drug cartels have targeted suburban communities and Alliance districts are better prepared to respond to this challenge, thanks to the resources provided during the Summit.

Meanwhile, our legislative and executive committees continue efforts to stay on top of the many legislative flash points. Along with our education management counterparts, we are trying to mitigate the potential negative impact of provisions in the Governor's Mid-Budget Review (MBR), to ease the burden of OTES, and to modify the Board of Regents' recommendations on Dual Credit Plus to eliminate what could become disincentives and add a means test for participating students.

Looking forward to next year's budget draft, we are trying to generate support for a rational, fair minimum per pupil amount of state aid, elimination or, at least, major increases in the growth caps and increased funding for early childhood education.

Ours has become an expanded agenda, all of it worthwhile, and we need your support. We ask it so that we can continue to effectively advocate for our own students and for all of the youth of Ohio.

Your immediate positive response to the attached invoice would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Imhoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Paul Imhoff



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May 20, 2014

Attn: Scot Prebles, Superintendent

Membership Dues:

The Alliance for High Quality Education dues from
July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

TOTAL DUE **\$3,500.00**

Make check payable to:

The Alliance for High Quality Education

Please send the check to:

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