

Honest Talk: What are the drivers for and against a P-16 approach in central Ohio?

DRIVERS:

Care (childcare) for the 24-35 year old workforce we want to attract.	Do we need to look at ways we deliver education to kids? Short bits using new media.	Support of “I Know I Can” “United Way”
People capital	Biggest contributor to UNCF	
We need diverse educational opportunities for high school students besides college.	Business need for capable workforce	Collaboration
Need support for parents and students early so kids feel they can achieve. There is a need for prevention/intervention in many non-academic areas. Wider distribution of information for parents, i.e., churches.	Collaborate not competing with each other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sort and select -- unify whole community • Changing language • Create consensus 	Alignment of preparation for workforce and what is being taught (life long learner/ adult educators)
Plenty of postsecondary capacity	Create consensus	Change we see on horizon
Leadership/sponsorship	Desire for economic growth	Education community
Survival of state public education, economy and livelihood	Our commitment to families and children and the future. Quality of life	Need to maintain our human resources

BARRIERS

How K-12 is assessed	Public will and support for change	Current funding
Infrastructure	Lack of shared vision	Indifference
Silos Turf	Lack of funding. Poor funding for education	Refusing or afraid to take the first step
Time consuming	Hard work	Flavor of the month?
Risk taking	Road blocks	The many districts and entities
Issues of territorialism	Stop duplication of services-- need to know what others are doing. Pull out best practices. Funding dictates, silos.	No communication between post secondary and public education
Funding	Momentum vs. status quo (easier to stay as is)	Leadership--Defining who leaders are
Time	Political will	Nerve/hard choices
NIMBY: "I've already paid for my kids education"	Digital divide	What happens to personal relationships within a virtual world?
Need to be more fluid with technology and information	Business/community etc. needs to be integrated into all part of P-16	Fight localism

PROS:		
Commitment	Support	Sense of urgency
Informed	Increased efficiency	Avoid duplication of services
Economic necessity (gallows concentrate the mind)	Concept Charisma: Sexy idea/ 38 young professional groups	<i>Michigan Works</i> style
Self-interest—who will care for us in the old people’s home	Society and technology may force us to make changes needed/students virtual schools (skill in the process)	Connecting the education to the economic situation. (What is the change that drives improvement (mapping)-What causes young professionals to stay—is it education or other environments.
Systematic networking some structures already exist	10% of outcomes each year	Sharing information -- to getting actions
Need to be iconoclasts—work around structural barriers	leadership/nerve	

CONS:		
Jobs that are growing the most don’t need college degree. Look at vocational schools.	Getting around gate keepers	

Test drive new ideas in early learning—

- Personalized learning plans. Expect and prepare for customization.
- Explosion of learning agents
- Media rich pervasive learning

Chamber directors meet regularly.
Increase membership

Use KW map for mapping local innovations

Drivers:

- Experience Columbus, C- Bus magazine, young professionals
- Enhances all our institutional health
- Young professional and women's clubs

Tension

- Robust big picture conversation and doable status quo improvements
- Suburban/urban and educational funding tensions
- How reliable are data/what is missing?

P-16 INITIATIVE

What are the objectives for a Central Ohio P-16?

- Strong economy
- Viable education system
- Increase participation in harder, more rigorous courses (Ohio Core participation)

How do we position it?

- Celebrate diversity
- Lifestyle
- Culture
- Communities
- CCAD design students market college
(Char Norman)

Who should be involved in shaping a P-16 Initiative?

- Higher ed
- Creative sector
- CEOs for Cities
- Young professionals
- Institute for the Future to Columbus