

To the Citizens of Lake County

As a former Ohio State Representative and Lake County Commissioner, I was fortunate and proud to have an integral working relationship with our Lakeland Community College. As a State Representative, I was able to not only advocate for improved state recognition of the value of our Ohio community colleges, but also was able to secure over \$20 million in state funding for needed facilities at Lakeland such as the Breakers Student Center, the Health Technologies Building, the Library and the restoration of Mooreland.

In my role as a County Commissioner, I was the appointing authority for the Lakeland Board of Trustees and initiated county funding for public service scholarships as well as the Lake Educational Assistance Foundation (LEAF). Throughout my public service career, I have always considered Lakeland Community College a vital and treasured asset for our Lake County.

Lakeland has received numerous state and national accolades as one of America's finest community colleges, including the Chronicle of Higher Education's designation as the second best community college in the nation for student success. There is no doubt in my mind that the essential component responsible for achieving this stellar evaluation is the quality of the teaching faculty. Lakeland has always had a strong tradition of attracting and keeping the most talented professors. Their experience, expertise and commitment to student success has truly made the difference in the lives of so many of our citizens.

The opportunities for career success that have been realized by so many would not have been possible without the high quality and excellence of the Lakeland Faculty. We all know the difference that outstanding educators have made in our lives; it is critical that we as citizens support the high quality and and dedicated commitment of the outstanding educators at our treasured Lakeland Community College.

During these challenging times, our Lake County citizens deserve no less than the best facilities, the best opportunities, and, most importantly, the best educators. Let's treat that most important element with the respect and support that they deserve.

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