

THE PLAIN DEALER

Providing affordable paths to college degrees for Ohio students

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On paper, our nation's approximately 1,200 community colleges look like an educational version of the American dream. They enroll close to half of U.S. undergraduates and provide affordable higher education to students who might otherwise have trouble gaining a foothold on the ladder to success.

But community colleges' admirable record of providing access to a wide range of students hasn't always been matched by success in helping those students earn the credentials they need.

That's why Ohioans should applaud recent efforts put forward by Gov. John Kasich, state lawmakers and community college leaders to put student success squarely at the center of community colleges' mission.

Article continued here:

http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/03/providing_affordable_paths_to.html#incart_river



Provide Career Opportunities

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Many of the thousands of young Ohioans who drop out of school each year simply don't see anything in it for them. Let's face it: Public schools seem geared toward getting students ready for college - not jobs.

Gov. John Kasich's proposal to expand and improve career and technical programs - what we used to call vocational education - makes an enormous amount of sense. His idea of beginning exposure to vocational courses as early as middle school is realistic.

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<http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/596856/Provide-Career-Opportunities.html?nav=511>



Emphasis on vocational ed

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Getting Ohio youths more engaged in classes that would help prepare them for in-demand careers would benefit all: the students and their families, schools and employers who would have access to a better-trained work force. Gov. John Kasich's idea to offer vocational education earlier, starting in middle school rather than high school, is worth consideration.

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<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/editorials/2014/03/10/emphasis-on-vocational-ed.html>



Ohio should spend tobacco money to fight smoking

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The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center — the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital & Richard J. Solove Research Institute, or OSUCCC-James — strongly supports Gov. John Kasich's bold proposal, outlined in his State of the State address, to invest \$35 million for tobacco prevention, cessation and enforcement.

The plan makes sense for fiscal reasons, but it also is the right decision to ensure healthier communities and to reduce the state's cancer burden.

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