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### Greetings!

Welcome to the latest issue of Economic News from Ohio's Regions, a new weekly newsletter from the Ohio Urban University Program and the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University. We'll search Ohio's papers to bring you economic news and key happenings that impact Ohio's regions.

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### Special Topic: Education

Toledo Public School Board Endorses Standards for District's Leaders (Toledo Blade, January 31, 2008) A list of a dozen goals was approved last month by the board to guide Superintendent John Foley in his duties. An additional nine goals and measuring procedures, with plans for quarterly reviews, have been approved for Treasurer Dan Romano.

Editorial: Higher Education: A Tale of Two States (Cincinnati Enquirer, February 4, 2008) Ohioans should welcome the decision last week not to target universities for cuts despite a predicted shortfall in the budget and a history of past cuts to higher education.

More Schools Teach Chinese (Cincinnati Enquirer, February 4, 2008) China's expanding global reach is taking hold in the classrooms of Greater Cincinnati as more schools are offering courses to teach Chinese and one big reason is because of China's place in the global economy.

Colleges Seeing Huge Leap in Applications (Dayton Daily News, February 4, 2008) Applications for freshman admission this fall to four-year colleges and universities in Southwest Ohio are reaching new heights, raising the potential for wait lists and high rejection rates.

Editorial: Foreclosure Fallout, Even School Districts Could be Harmed (Akron Beacon Journal, January 31, 2008) Evictions and neighborhoods studded with vacated homes are visible enough. A troubled housing market presents a less visible but no less disturbing capacity to aggravate funding problems for local schools.

### News From Around Ohio

Cincy 16th in Exports (Cincinnati Enquirer, February 4, 2008) Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky ranked 16th among 369 U.S. metropolitan areas for value of exports produced in 2006, according to new data from the International Trade Administration, a branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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## News From Around Ohio *(continued from front)*

Developer Stuart Lichter is on a Buying Spree Around Ohio (The Plain Dealer, February 3, 2008) For a California developer, a trickle of investments in Ohio has recently become a flood and he has just signed on to the \$900 million effort to build Goodyear's new corporate headquarters and remake the tire company's former campus in Akron.

Editorial: Ruling in red-light camera case is a victory for Ohio cities' home rule (The Plain Dealer, February 4, 2008) In its unanimous ruling last week that local governments can install cameras to ticket motorists without exceeding their authority under the Ohio Constitution's home-rule provision the Ohio Supreme Court has rightfully recognized a reality the General Assembly often ignores: Ohio's Constitution gives municipalities broad powers of self-government.

Governments Find Ways to Cooperate (Cincinnati Enquirer, February 2, 2008) Communities tend not to work together, but keep to their own agendas and ways of doing things. Hamilton County alone has 50 governmental entities. But budget cuts, population losses and rising tax burdens call for an ability to cooperate and share resources and a new initiative called the Government Cooperation and Efficiency Project, may give communities needed fiscal breathing room.

Support Asked for Seneca County Tax Credits (Toledo Blade, February 1, 2008) Two of the three Seneca County commissioners told historic preservationists yesterday they would ask State Rep. Mark Wagner to support a bill introduced in the Ohio House this week that, if approved, could provide up to \$2 million in state tax credits to the county to help pay for restoration of its historic courthouse.

Ohio's Shortfall (Toledo Blade, February 1, 2008) State employee unions and gambling opponents cried foul yesterday after Gov. Ted Strickland outlined his \$733 million plan to apply a tourniquet to the state's red-ink bleeding books.

Editorial: Portrait of a region in transition: Northeast Ohio does create higher-paying jobs (Akron Beacon Journal, January 29, 2008) The chief executive of Team NEO recently explained that his "personal mission" involves getting the region to see that its economic circumstances aren't as bad as many think. Thus, he was delighted last week with the findings of the most recent Northeast Ohio Economic Review showing that higher-paying jobs are growing at a faster rate than lower-paying jobs.



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