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Greetings!

Welcome to the sixth 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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News From Around Ohio

[Ohio Gets B-minus in Economic Progress](#) (The Plain Dealer, March 4, 2008) Ohio earned a B-minus on a national report from the PEW Charitable Trusts. The report graded states on their economic progress over the last three years.

[Area Jobless Rates Increase](#) (Toledo Blade, March 5, 2008) Jobless rates climbed in most northwest Ohio counties last month, even as the state and national rates dropped.

[Ohio Leads Country in Investments](#) (Dayton Daily News, March 4, 2008) Ohio led the nation in capital investment projects last year, drawing 399 major projects with an estimated value of \$5 billion to the state, including several large local projects. That level of investment landed Ohio a Governor's Cup award from Site Selection Magazine.

[Regional Chamber to Lobby Candidates on 3 Projects](#) (The Plain Dealer, March 6, 2008) According to the Greater Cleveland Partnership, presidential candidates who want to curry favor with the region's

business leaders should start talking up an Erie County runway, a new Cleveland port and a new East Side boulevard.

[Cleveland to Pursue Akron Ties](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, March 6, 2008) The Greater Cleveland Partnership unveiled its updated strategic plans for Northeast Ohio before an audience of more than 400 business leaders and community partners Wednesday morning which called for closer ties with Akron.

[Jobless Rate Up in Area Counties](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, March 6, 2008) Unemployment continued to rise in the five-county area in January, according to new figures from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services. The state reported that jobless rates went up in Summit and Stark counties from December to January.

[Editorial: Advancing Ohio](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, March 5, 2008) In his recent State of the State address, Ted Strickland unveiled what he described as a "bold and balanced investment in Ohio," a \$1.7 billion plan to create 80,000 jobs. This is a bad idea?

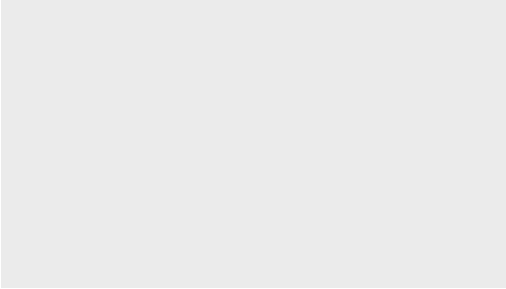
[Akron District's After-School Program Becomes Case Study for Ohio](#) (The Plain Dealer, March 6, 2008) State officials are exploring how Akron's after-school program could be replicated across Ohio.

[Trying to Deal Cincinnati In](#) (City Beat, March 5, 2008) With Kentucky lawmakers considering a plan that eventually could allow casinos in Covington and Newport, Cincinnati officials are waging their own political battle to bring gambling to the Queen City.

[Editorial: Economic Uncertainty Plays Key Role in School Issue Defeats](#) (The Lima News, March 4, 2008) Having suffered another school funding defeat, district officials in will take little consolation in knowing these losses really aren't their fault. Voters are continuing to say no because of economic uncertainty.

[Editorial: Clean Coal Will Continue to be Important Energy Source](#) (Chillicothe Gazette, March 10, 2008) Ohio has a premier role in developing tomorrow's cleaner energy, and coal will continue to be an important resource as a bridge to our energy future.

[Government Task Forces](#) (Columbus Dispatch, March 10, 2008) Governments call on them frequently, but are citizen panels equal to the task. The answer is yes, and no.



Editorial: Losses Bring Gains (Columbus Dispatch, March 10, 2008) Critics of charter schools repeatedly claim that charter schools suck money out of conventional public school districts, leaving the latter with less money to educate the remaining students. But Students' departure for charters hasn't wrecked school districts' budgets.

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