

# Licking County **WORKFORCE SUMMIT**

**Creating a Competitive  
Economic & Workforce  
Advantage for Our Community**

**April 30, 2009  
8:00am – 2:30pm  
C-TEC  
222 Price Road  
Newark, Ohio**

## **Event Sponsors:**

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**Continental breakfast & lunch  
included \$15.00 per person  
registration fee.**

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**Registration Required**

## **Keynote Speaker: Deborah S. Delisle**



Deborah S. Delisle, Ohio's 35th State Superintendent of Public Instruction. With 30 years of experience in five Ohio school districts, Delisle has served as a school district superintendent, principal, curriculum director, classroom teacher of both language arts and gifted education, and college instructor in education.

Named as a "2008 Tech-Savvy Superintendent" by *e-school news*, Delisle is committed to diminishing the digital divide among students through cutting-edge technology. She piloted a one-to-one laptop teaching and learning program at a middle school in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, which will transition into all of the District's middle and high schools over a five-year period. Delisle also established a television production studio at the high school, as well as

wireless labs and electronic assessments for educators so they can access and use advanced technology as they craft instruction to better meet students' needs.

Delisle understands urban educational needs, having spent the past five years as the superintendent of a district where the student population is 82 percent minority and 60 percent low-income. She is a member of the governing board of the Minority Student Achievement Network, a consortium of twenty-five national schools districts dedicated to eliminating the achievement gap. Leading high school reform, Delisle transformed the District's large, comprehensive high school into five small schools. Through her collaboration with John Carroll University, one of the District's elementary schools is now a pre-K to 16 teaching and learning environment and has received recognition by the International Center for Leadership in Education as a model school. To prepare students with global knowledge and skills, Delisle also initiated collaboration on an International Academy with nearby universities and school districts for students to learn Mandarin Chinese through an immersion program.

Delisle's experience extends to higher education. With postgraduate work at Kent State and Ashland universities in administration and curriculum development, Delisle received a master's degree in special education at Kent State and a bachelor's degree from Springfield College in Massachusetts. She taught graduate level courses at Kent State, Ursuline College, the University of North Colorado, and Simon Frasier University. She and her husband, Jim, a retired Kent State education professor, co-authored *Growing Good Kids*, which received a Parents' Choice Award.

## **Breakout session topics:**

- **Ohio's 3<sup>rd</sup> Frontier**
- **Ohio Means Jobs**
- **Economic Stimulus Plan**
- **STEM Initiative for Licking County**
- **Green Energy / Green Workforce**
- **Mentoring & Drop-Out Prevention**

\*Each breakout session topic will be presented twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon, allowing participants to attend four sessions of their choice.