



# Graduation Now

*Not just a dream; an expectation*

Thursday, November 19, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dana Conference Center – University of Toledo Health Science Campus

## **AGENDA**

**7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast**

**8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome, MC – Joel Todd, UT Office of Excellence**

- VIDEO: Chrystal Morris, VP of State and City Summits, America's Promise Alliance
- John Foley, Superintendent, Toledo Public Schools
- Bob LaClair, President & CEO, Fifth Third Bank
- Bishop Edward T. Cook, New Life Church of God in Christ
- Bill Kitson, President & CEO, United Way of Greater Toledo

**8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Cross-sector Community Experts Panel**

*Facts & Figures: Cross-sector representatives describe the problem and discuss how graduation and college/work readiness impacts their sector and what they recommend as solutions.*

- **Business** – Terrence Thomas, UPS
- **Higher Education** – Bill Ivoska, Owens Community College
- **Juvenile Justice** – Judge Denise Cubbon, Lucas County Juvenile Courts
- **National Perspective** – Sarah Wraight, REL Midwest
- **Social Services/Achievement Gap** – John C. Jones, Greater Toledo Urban League

**9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Break**

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Keynote Address w/ Q&A**

- Gov. Bob Wise, President & CEO, Alliance for Excellent Education

**11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Transition to Lunch (Prepare youth panelists)**

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**11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Lunch with Youth Panel**

*A facilitated panel discussion with 5-6 compelling and diverse young people describing the academic and environmental challenges/opportunities they face in graduating from high school ready for college, work, and life.*

**12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break & Transition to Breakout Session Rooms**

**12:30 – 2:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions**

- Improving Graduation Outcomes
- Improving College Readiness

*The purpose of the breakout sessions is to produce the perspective of key systems & groups regarding dropout prevention and high school graduation, as well as identifying collaboration opportunities and solutions. Participants will be given a discussion and planning worksheet to serve as a guide as they listen to presentations, formulate questions, engage in discussion, and plan next steps.*

**2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Video Presentation**

- Art Rainwater, former superintendent of Madison Metropolitan School District

**3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Session Report-Out**

*Report-out after the breakouts as a plenary session. High-level reporting will pull the participants back together and will give the conveners a chance to discuss with the entire group next steps in terms of organization and action planning.*

**4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Next Steps & Closing Remarks**

*Describe next steps, announce a timeframe the community can expect to review an action plan based on the input given at the summit, and provide a way for members of the community to provide continual feedback to the summit planning committee.*