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Sent time: Tuesday, December 27, 2011 8:12:08 AM
To: Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org) <Cari@excelined.org>
Subject: FW: Task Force- how's it going?

Cari,

This one is for you. As I mentioned, I spoke with someone in Ohio about third grade progression last week.

Happy New Year and thanks again for all you do!

Sincerely,

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Cc: Mandy Clark (mandy@afloridapromise.org)
Subject: Fwd: Task Force- how's it going?

Christy and Cari,
Potential movement on A-F and K-3 in Ohio - FYI
MLB

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Subject: Fw: Task Force- how's it going?

Date: December 23, 2011 2:35:35 PM EST

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Sounds like we finally broke through in Ohio! Will circle back after I talk with him next Friday on details, as well as hopefully much more of a sense on their digital plans/upcoming Task Force recs.

Mandy

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Sommers, Robert" <Robert.Sommers@governor.ohio.gov>

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To: Mandy Clark (mandy@excelined.org)<mandy@excelined.org>

Subject: RE: Task Force- how's it going?

Mandy,

Sorry for the slow response. I can get on the phone anytime next week. Just give me a time and I'll put it down.

In brief, the taskforce is moving forward and will really get into recommendations in about two weeks. We are formulating some ideas right now and should have some prelim things to share by mid-month.

We are anticipating moving forward on several reforms fashioned after the Florida efforts in late January, performance awards, and possibly tightening up our 3rd grade reading guarantee may well be part of the process. We are considering an achievement AND growth grade on each school. A sort of dual report (AA, AF, FA, etc.)

Some interest in a new local tax option I have named an "education levy". It wouldn't be for a school district, but would be for all children in a region. Funds would follow the student to charter, private, or district. Time will tell on this one.

A recent report shows that 25%, 25%, and 32% of all state funded students in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland respectively are now enrolled in non-district schools. This is up from around 7-9% in each site in 2001. These are significant changes!

Take care,

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From: Mandy Clark (mandy@excelined.org) [mailto:mandy@excelined.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 5:23 PM
To: Sommers, Robert
Subject: Task Force- how's it going?

Hey Bob!
Hope all's well and you have some time to rest coming up over the holidays!

Would you have time to catch up by phone tomorrow or early next week to talk about how things are going with the Task Force, and plans for January and release of recommendations, etc?

Just let me know what works best for you. Thanks!

Mandy

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