

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.19 Resolution in support of Virginia Tech community

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the tragedy on the campus of Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007 gave the nation pause to grieve in unity for the bright lives so senselessly extinguished; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents, as a sister organization in the field of higher education, shares the pain and anguish that has affected the students, faculty and staff of the university, the community of Blacksburg, Virginia, and the family and friends of the individuals who perished that day; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland asked Chancellor Eric Fingerhut to establish a Task Force on Campus Security to review campus safety plans and ensure that Ohio's public colleges and universities are using safety best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents has received contact information from Ohio's colleges and universities and school districts identifying personnel to serve on the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the first meeting of the Task Force will be held on April 30, 2007:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Ohio Board of Regents extends its sincere condolences and prayers to all those affected by the tragic events of April 16, 2007 as well as our support for the healing to continue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Ohio Board of Regents fully supports the Governor's Task Force on Campus Security and the efforts of all Ohio campuses in implementing the most effective safety and preparedness practices on behalf of Ohio's students, faculty and staff.