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**OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING  
WITH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, Sept. 22**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold a special board meeting at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, Sept. 22, meeting jointly with the State Board of Education at the Riffe Center, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, South A, Columbus, Ohio.

The purpose of the meeting is for the boards to consider the implications of the recent Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy recommendation regarding the creation of the "Ohio P-16 Education Council." The council, outlined in the commission's Recommendation # 2, would be charged with "promoting an integrated system of education that begins in early childhood and continues beyond college."

The commission also recommended that the council's membership "should be broadened from the current membership of the Joint Council." The joint council is currently comprised of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents and three members from both the Board of Regents and the State Board of Education. The council addresses "issues about the preparedness of students entering higher education and work careers, and consider issues related to the total educational continuum (K-16)."

The Ohio Board of Regents and the State Board of Education typically meet jointly at least once each year. The Joint Council of the two boards meets quarterly.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities.

The State Board of Education sets policy and directs the planning and evaluative functions of Ohio's 612 public school districts.

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