

Urgent Media Advisory - Thursday, May 3, 2001

**REGENTS PLAN STATEWIDE BRIEFING ON BUDGET ISSUES;
THURSDAY BRIEFING TIME SPECIFIED AT 2 P.M.**

COLUMBUS, OH - Members of the Board of Regents have scheduled a statewide media briefing for today (Thursday, May 3) about the economic impact of the on-going budget process that now leads to Senate deliberations.

Several Regents, who are unpaid statewide advisors on higher education policy and appointed by Governor Bob Taft, **will be available at 2 p.m.** The Board of Regents' offices in the Rhodes Office Tower in Columbus, on the 36th Floor, will host the media briefings.

Regent Tahlman Krumm as well as Chancellor Roderick G. W. Chu will be in Columbus at OBR offices in the Rhodes Tower. Also making statements and answering media questions, electronically transmitted directly to the OBR conference room in Columbus, will be Regent Thomas Noe from Toledo and Edmund Adams from Cincinnati.

Key topics of the Thursday briefing (2 p.m. start):

- Reaction to the House budget vote following higher education's request for innovative investments that impact the state's economic prosperity. The Higher Education budget, as proposed by the House, is now reportedly only 12 percent of the entire state compared to 17 percent a decade ago ... despite the fact that higher education is the economic engine of 21st century prosperity for citizens and the state.
- Pertinent, new data will be released on Thursday that illustrates the per capita income decline of under-educated Ohio.
- During Senate deliberations, there are opportunities for discussion and strategic action regarding the economic impact of an under-educated state. Higher education testimony is scheduled May 9.

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