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Chancellor Fingerhut to Launch Community Conversations Tour April 16 at Columbus State

***Public forum is first stop on 6-region tour joining college, business, civic
and student leaders to discuss 10-year strategic plan on higher education***

COLUMBUS – The public is invited to attend a series of Community Conversation forums hosted by Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut during April, May and June, to discuss his 10-year strategic plan on higher education delivered to Governor Strickland and the Ohio General Assembly March 31.

The first forum is Wednesday, April 16, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Columbus State Community College Center for Workforce Development, 315 N. Cleveland Avenue (4th floor conference center), Columbus, Ohio.

Chancellor Fingerhut will provide an overview of the strategic plan and then moderate a discussion focused on college affordability with a panel of community college and university officials, business, civic and student leaders including: Valeriana Moeller, President, Columbus State Community College; Joe Alluto, Provost, The Ohio State University; John Stanford, Executive Assistant, Education Policy, The State of Ohio; Rep. Ted Celeste, Ohio General Assembly; Shaun Yoder, Executive Director, Business Alliance for Higher Education and the Economy (BAHEE); Connie Myers, Student, Columbus State Community College; and Donna Alvarado, Chair, Board of Regents. Following the panel discussion, the audience will be invited to participate in the final 30 minutes.

The April 16 event is the first in a series of six regional forums. Two of the events, April 16 and May 30, are currently scheduled to be taped by Ohio Government Telecommunications and broadcast on The Ohio Channel.

<u>Ohio Region</u>	<u>Host Site</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>
Central	Columbus State Community College	Wednesday, April 16, 4-5:30 p.m.
Southern	Shawnee State University	Tuesday, April 29, 7-8:30 p.m.
Western	Antioch University McGregor	Wednesday, May 7, 4-5:30 p.m.
Southwest	University of Cincinnati	Thursday, May 22, 12-1:30 p.m.
Northeast	Stark State College of Technology	Friday, May 30, 9:30-11 a.m.
Northwest	University of Toledo	TBD

The events are free and open to the public, although space is limited. Those interested in attending the April 16 forum at Columbus State Community College are encouraged to contact Vickie Hunter at vhunter@csc.edu or 614-287-2412. (See Columbus State press release at <http://csc.edu/News/3-08/affordability.htm>).

As details become available on the additional Community Conversation forums, they will be posted at <http://universitysystem.ohio.gov>. The strategic plan is also available on the same Web site.

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