

John R. Kasich, Governor
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Sent electronically only to: jgroman@ashland.edu

Dear Ms. Groman,

I write today to invite you to serve on the newly created, state Gifted Advisory Council, established under [Ohio law](#). This is an exciting opportunity to work with a team of individuals who, like you, have a passion for serving gifted students.

The council's responsibilities are to:

1. Represent a variety of stakeholders from diverse regions of the state, including parents, general and gifted educators, administrators and others as determined by the superintendent of public instruction;
2. Help develop and update a Department-approved plan for gifted education in Ohio;
3. Advise on policy recommendations;
4. Serve as advisors in establishing criteria for review of proposals to implement innovative gifted services; and
5. Establish criteria for identifying and recognizing schools, districts and other educational providers.

I have named Kim Monachino, Ed.D., director of the Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children, to serve as chairperson of the Gifted Advisory Council. Other Department staff will support the council's work.

The council will hold its first meeting at the Ohio Department of Education, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, Thursday, Oct. 26, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. We tentatively have scheduled subsequent meetings for Dec. 5, 2017, March 6, 2018, and May 8, 2018.

I hope you will accept this invitation to apply your known leadership skills and experience in gifted education to improving our service to Ohio's gifted students. Please respond by email to Kim.Monachino@education.ohio.gov by Friday, Oct. 13th.

Sincerely,



Paolo DeMaria
State Superintendent of Public Instruction