

**Part 4: Reasons/Arguments in favor of transfer of State Board of Education functions to the Governor's office do not compute.**

Some folks recently testified before the Senate Education Committee that SB1 is necessary to allow the state to give greater emphasis on career/technical education. Merely moving the duties and responsibilities of the State Board of education to the Governor's office to add emphasis to career/technical education is fool's gold.

Some modern day "education experts" may not be aware that, in the 1970's and 1980's, the State Board of Education created the most robust career/technical education program in the nation. Upon completion of the statewide network of joint vocational school districts, vocational education compacts, and stand-alone career/technical programs in high enrollment districts, every 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade student in Ohio had the opportunity to choose from a program that offered a minimum of 20 different classes from a minimum of 12 different career/technical courses.

In 1975, the State Board of Education published [Ohio's Career Continuum Program Director's Handbook](#) which identifies the career development programs in terms of the following components:

1. Career Motivation Programming K-6
2. Career Orientation Programming 7-8
3. Career Exploration Programming 9-10
4. Career Preparation Programming 11-12

The State Board of Education made Ohio a national leader in career/technical education 3 to 4 decades ago. Career/technical education needs state financial resources, not a different state agency governance structure.