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### Muskingum, Coshocton & Knox County Schools Part of Groundbreaking School Improvement Initiative

*- New student academic progress reports possible with Longaberger Foundation grant -*

**MUSKINGUM COUNTY, Ohio** — Twenty-two elementary and middle schools (grades 3-8) in Muskingum, Coshocton and Knox counties are in the process of learning which instructional practices are best contributing to their students' academic growth, thanks in part to a \$50,000 grant from The Longaberger Foundation. Coshocton City, East Knox Local, East Muskingum Local, Franklin Local, West Muskingum Local and Zanesville City schools are participating in a program called T-CAP (Teachers Connecting Achievement & Progress). This pioneering project provides teacher and student data that has previously been unavailable to educators. T-CAP is managed by Battelle for Kids, a national school improvement organization headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

"School districts choosing to participate in the T-CAP program have an opportunity to learn what is working in their classrooms, enabling them to use that information to develop strategies that will help all students achieve and progress," said Jim Mahoney, executive director, Battelle for Kids. "This program further empowers teachers to understand how they can help every child grow to his or her highest potential."

School districts in Battelle for Kids' *SOAR* statewide school improvement collaborative were given the opportunity to participate in T-CAP. The schools receive information designed to help measure and maximize student learning. Principals and teachers are trained in using this information to make curriculum and instructional decisions, among others. The end goal is to improve academic progress for all students, regardless of their past performance.

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“We are delighted to have the opportunity to support this very worthwhile Battelle for Kids program,” said Rachel Longaberger Stukey, president of The Longaberger Foundation. “It is our hope that this program, by providing teachers with additional tools and knowledge, can really help students succeed.”

### **About The Longaberger Foundation**

The Longaberger Foundation is a nonprofit organization separate from The Longaberger Company. The Foundation was established in 1997 to focus efforts on four key areas, which include promoting entrepreneurial principles, preserving American history and ideals, strengthening families and addressing regional quality of life needs.

### **About Battelle for Kids**

Battelle for Kids is an independent, not-for-profit organization committed to enhancing student learning by helping educators accelerate and bring clarity to their school-improvement efforts. We achieve this mission by offering educators nationwide strategic consulting, professional development, innovative tools and resources, data management and technology solutions, research and evaluation services and communications counsel and support. For more information, visit [www.BattelleforKids.org](http://www.BattelleforKids.org).