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SENATOR STEPHANIE KUNZE

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Happy New Year!

Below is an update on my recent work in the legislature and various events happening in our community. As the new year begins, I look forward to working together to make Ohio a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any thoughts or suggestions to improve our community. I'm available at Kunze@OhioSenate.gov or by phone at (614) 466-5981. I look forward to continuing our good work in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Kunze".

Stephanie Kunze
State Senator
Ohio's 16th Senate District



On January 17th, I visited Bluffsview Elementary School in Worthington and joined their "Blue Out" assembly, celebrating their selection as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School.

Participating in the assembly with the kids was a great time, and I look forward to seeing what these bright young minds will achieve. Congratulations to all of the administrators, teachers, staff and students on this well deserved award.



The Governor recently signed House Bill 2, codifying the state's "TechCred" program to help fund and train Ohioans for in-demand jobs. The program offers reimbursement to both employers and individuals for the cost of microcredential training for industry-recognized skill certificates that can be completed in less than one year.

The bill also provides a way for Ohioans who are not currently employed to take advantage of the program's credentialing opportunities and will help coordinate workforce development needs across industries and regions of Ohio.

Learn more at www.TechCred.Ohio.gov.



The Ohio Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission met this month and I am proud to Co-Chair this commission that will oversee the [statewide commemoration](#) of the 100th Anniversary of women's right to vote. I was humbled to join my colleagues as we presented to the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board the Commission's intent to construct a new memorial recognizing the women's suffrage movement.

The memorial proposed will create a permanent feature on the Statehouse grounds, commemorating the centennial and allowing future generations to learn the history of women's suffrage.



Once every decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. The next census occurs in April 2020.

Census 2020 is the first census count that will be available to fill out online.

Each household will receive a card in the mail with a password to open the form online. You will be able to submit your information with just a few clicks.

Learn how you can earn extra income by helping in our community during the census, by clicking [here](#).



Last week, I spent a morning with children at the Agape Academy in Hilliard. I was humbled to receive the Child Advocacy Award from the Children's Hunger Alliance for my support in helping secure funding in the state biennial budget to promote the end of childhood hunger.

The visit began with me meeting with some of the most adorable constituents. We had the opportunity to share coats for the winter. Over 500,000 children in Ohio live in poverty, and affording a winter coat for growing children each year can be burdensome for families. I am grateful to the Governor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives for their partnership in providing the coats to children across our state this winter.

We wrapped up the visit with a delicious and healthy lunch provided by Children's Hunger Alliance. It was a joy to spend time with these precious children. My thanks to the Children's Hunger Alliance for the work they do and for including me in this special day together.



Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation

This week, Lieutenant Governor Husted announced that the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation will be launching the [Ohio's Industry Sector Partnership Grant](#). This grant is intended to help support the operations of Industry Sector Partnerships which are designed to develop workforce strategies specific to various regions around the state, with the goal of driving collaboration between local businesses, education and training providers, and community stakeholders.

These programs aim to ensure that Ohioans can participate in the workforce pipeline while also meeting the needs of job creators and the local economy.



Mission: Readiness Ohio awarded my Senate colleagues and I with the "National Security Leadership Award" for our work in the state budget that invested in early childhood care and education.

The budget included \$10 million for the establishment of quality infrastructure

grants to be used for workforce, professional development and technical assistance, facilities improvement, classroom supplies, curriculum and assessment.

[Mission: Readiness Ohio](#) is part of a national military leadership organization comprised of retired admirals and generals. The organization began in response to a Pentagon statistic that approximately 71% of young adults are ineligible for the military due to fitness, education or legal qualifications.

In the News

10TV (WBNS): [Dublin announces March opening date for new pedestrian bridge](#)
This Week Community News: [Central Ohio MADD chapter's Top Cop serves Grove City](#)
ABC 6: [City of Hilliard swears in first-ever city manager](#)

Please feel free to contact me. My office can help:

- ★ Assist in dealing with state agencies.
- ★ Research information on bills and committees.
- ★ Share your opinions on pending legislation or your ideas for new legislation.
- ★ Honor outstanding accomplishments and milestones.
- ★ Request a meeting at the Statehouse or in the district.
- ★ Schedule a tour of the Ohio Statehouse.



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