



## CEO ANNOUNCES PLAN TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF EXCELLENT SCHOOLS

### TOWN HALL MEETING PRESENTATION PROVIDES DETAILS ON CHANGES COMING TO LCS

Lorain, Ohio (February 21, 2019)- “There is excellence in every school, but we do not yet have a system of excellent schools,” was a point of inflection during tonight’s Lorain City Schools Town Hall meeting, held in the Lorain High School Auditorium. CEO David Hardy Jr. began his presentation reorienting the audience with [The Lorain Promise](#)—the strategic plan created, based on the feedback of over 3,000 touchpoints with stakeholders.

As evidenced in state report cards and more up-to-date data measures, Lorain High School (LHS) is in need of the utmost, immediate intervention. Lorain High School will become the first “Empowerment School” in the district. Empowerment Schools will receive an extra level of focused support from our central office to help improve everything from the learning environment to operations—all designed to break patterns of low academic achievement stretching back many years.

School leaders at Empowerment Schools will have the autonomy to choose their staff. In a letter to teachers sent out at the conclusion of the town hall meeting CEO Hardy added, “We know transformations this large can only happen with a completely unified and committed team.” All teachers and staff members who wish to remain at LHS next school year will need to participate in a selection process to determine whether their skills and experience are the right fit for the school going forward. No LHS teachers who have earned tenure will lose their jobs during this process, although some may be placed in open positions elsewhere within the district.

CEO Hardy also outlined the other school performance categories and the criteria for evaluation. To read the presentation from tonight’s meeting click this link: <http://bit.ly/2U104jv>

#### In Other News:

The town hall meeting began with the recognition of LHS Dean of Scholar and Family Engagement, Bradley Stokes, for his heroism on Jan. 25 when he performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a scholar who was choking during a lunch period in the cafeteria.

The Parent Advisory Council will be reinitiated in the very near future with the goal of increased two-way communication between families and district leadership in the interest of providing what is best for scholars.

It was also announced that Lorain High School Graduation will be held in the Lorain Community College Field House on May 21, 2019. It was previously communicated that graduation would take place at the Wolstein Center arena in Cleveland, Ohio. The location shift was made as many voiced their concerns regarding the long commute and lack of transportation to and from the event.

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