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## **Cincinnatus Education Panel – Year in Review**

2007-2008 was a year of real achievement for the Cincinnatus Education Panel. Key was the leadership of Panel member Jan Leslie and good work by many panel members in the passage of the Cincinnati Public School's (CPS) Tax Levy in March against overwhelming odds. A pilot program, in collaboration with the Mayerson Academy, mentoring CPS School Principals in management and leadership, was well received by the Principals and will be expanded in the coming year.

The Annual Awards dinner, honoring outstanding school administrators, teachers and volunteers, was held at the new Woodward Career Tech High School and was rated one of the best meetings ever by the Cincinnatus membership.

Support of the dramatic STRIVE initiative, focused on improving education in the cities of Cincinnati, Newport and Covington, has now taken the Panel to support schools in Newport and Covington for the first time. Specific initiatives in Northern Kentucky will be announced early in the new year.

Panel members are also very involved in the Cincinnati USA Chamber's Agenda 360 regional plan which will be unveiled in the coming year.

Cincinnatus is now being recognized as an education leader in the region.

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