

**Representative Mike Lair asked to assist Romney campaign in creating 'student-friendly' reforms**

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State Representative Mike Lair of Chillicothe is among 15 education advocates nationwide that are being asked to advise the Romney-Ryan campaign on reform measures that would "put students first". Former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige chairs the committee.

Lair is among 14 'co-chairs' which include state school board members, administrators, and state legislators with a background in education.

Lair describes this appointment as "an honor" and a "tremendous surprise". Lair said he believes he was chosen for his "four decades as a teacher and full-term legislator", his "ability to see both sides of the coin pertaining to funding K-12 schools and educational reform", and "his realistic feelings on education reform".

Lair added that his educational leadership roles in the General Assembly as Education Appropriations Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Joint House/Senate Committee helped to provide a platform to influence policy.