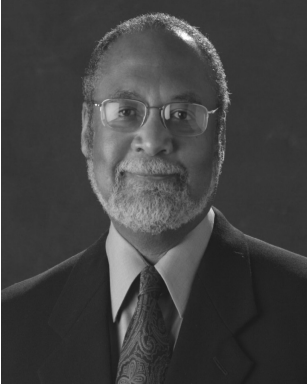




## Meet the STRS Candidates



### John Brackett

Brackett is a professor of Italian history and chairman of African and African-American Studies at the University of Cincinnati (UC). He is immediate past president of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) faculty union at UC. He also is a member of the collective bargaining congress of AAUP on the national level.



### Mark Fredrick

Fredrick has 30 years experience as a classroom teacher. He currently teaches high school English in the Cleveland Municipal Schools where he is head of the English Department at Max S. Hays Vocational High School. He serves as chapter chairman for the Union Conference Committee of the Cleveland Teachers Union.

## Charter School Payments Nearly \$500,000,000 - White Hat Management Big Winner



The April 2006 Community School Report shows that \$483,677,586 is being transferred from

public schools to charter schools across Ohio this school year. Schools operated by the for-profit company, White Hat Management (which runs Life Skills charter schools, as well as

others), will receive \$100,173,719.93. White Hat operates its schools for 97 percent of the total amount of funds for which the schools are eligible. A March 24 Columbus Dispatch article indicates that a Dispatch analysis of the state audits of 17 of White Hat's 34 schools shows that White Hat made \$15.4 million in combined profits and management fees last year. (A superintendent working for 40 years at \$100,000 per year would make about one-fourth of that amount).

Isn't it time for a change in the state government elected officials who have brought this educational malpractice to Ohio? Please keep this in mind when you vote for state officials for Governor, Supreme Court Justices and Ohio State Senators and Representatives. We will make endorsements based on candidates' positions on educational issues, particularly their support of charters and vouchers!

## Ohio Lawmakers Expand Voucher Eligibility

Because of a recent change in state law, more of our students will now be eligible to participate in the state's tuition voucher program to attend private schools. Before the recent legislative change, only students in schools that have spent three consecutive years in "academic emergency" were eligible to apply. Now, students attending schools in the "academic watch" category for three consecutive years also can apply. Approximately 8,500 students statewide had applied for 14,000 voucher slots by last week, said Ohio Department of Education spokesman J.C. Benton. Tasha Hamilton, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Jon Husted, who pushed for the new rules acknowledged that the large number of unused slots did play a role in the recent change by the legislature.

The major motivation for this expansion of eligibility requirements must be that too few students had applied for vouchers under the old rules.

This means that the number of students eligible for vouchers in-

creased from 30,000 to 46,000 statewide. Before this recent change, approximately 5,000 Cincinnati students in 12 schools were eligible for vouchers. This change now increases the eligible number to 7,438 students in 17 CPS schools.

This new voucher program, beginning this fall, will allow students in identified schools to use taxpayer funds to pay tuition to attend private schools. The voucher amount is \$4,250 for K - 8 students and \$5,000 for high schoolers.

If more than 14,000 eligible students were to apply, Ohio would hold a lottery and low-income families will be given priority in the lottery.

Ohio's voucher program began in 1996 and it was limited to the Cleveland school district. The Ohio Supreme Court did rule in 2002 that vouchers are constitutional. Ohio legislators expanded the program by offering vouchers statewide.

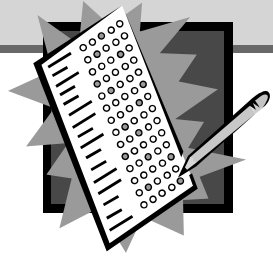
It remains to be seen how many Cincinnati Public School students who

are eligible will leave our schools and attend private schools under this voucher scheme. It will clearly have an impact upon our schools; it remains to be seen how big of an impact it will be.

When you cast your vote for Governor and for your state representatives in the Ohio House and Senate, please remember the incumbents who have brought us the charter school fiasco and the new voucher program in an attempt to destroy Cincinnati Public Schools, as well as other traditional public schools in the urban areas of the state most impacted by the exodus of students to the failing charters and now to vouchers -- despite any evidence, based in research, that either has or will increase academic achievement! Isn't it time to elect representatives who will make educational decisions that are data-driven?

For more information on this voucher scheme, visit the Ohio Department of Education Web site: [www.edchoice.ohio.gov](http://www.edchoice.ohio.gov)

## Surveys, Surveys and More Surveys



It's that time once again. CFT is gathering data to get prepared for the upcoming benefits and contract negotiations and we need to hear from you. Our present collective bargaining agreement expires in December of 2006 and we need your thoughts and opinions reviewed in the Collective Bargaining Survey that was mailed to your home during the Spring Recess. Please read the survey carefully and fill

out the enclosed Scantron sheet to the best of your ability, and return it to the CFT office in the enclosed envelope via either Pony or US mail. Your remarks and opinions are welcome and encouraged in the comments section of the Scantron sheet. Feel free to use both sides if necessary.

The information that is collected from the Collective Bargaining survey and from the previous Administrator's Effectiveness survey will aid the Collective Bargaining team in the data gathering and analysis process.

Now is the time to have your voice heard. If you haven't already

completed your survey, please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to the CFT office by April 28, 2006. If you did not receive a survey in the mail at your home, please contact the CFT office at 961-2272 and we will send one to you. We cannot express how valuable your contribution is to this process.

The Collective Bargaining committee, CFT officers and staff would like to thank you for your extra efforts and for taking time out of your busy schedule to help in this great endeavor.

### In Memoriam

#### Laura Joy Muntz

*It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Westwood teacher, Laura Joy Muntz, on March 23, 2006. Laura came to CPS three and a half years ago, after having taught at the New School. She had a very remarkable spirit and refused to give in to the cancer that she had battled for a number of years. Teaching was her love and purpose in life and she was well loved and respected at Westwood School for her commitment to students.*

*We thank the Westwood administration, faculty and staff for their concern for Laura and for assisting her during her illness. She was able to teach until her condition worsened a month ago. Laura was 34 years old and is survived by her parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. Services have been held. Memorials may be made to Cincinnati Parents for Public Schools ([cincinnatiptps.org](http://cincinnatiptps.org)) or to Tender Mercies ([tendermerciesinc.org](http://tendermerciesinc.org)).*

*Please keep her family, friends, colleagues and students in your thoughts and prayers.*

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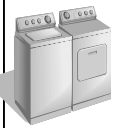
### 2006-07 Budget & Staffing Schedule—Revision 4/13/06

\*NOTE: There is a change in the dates for Round 2 Vacancy Announcement Posting & Transfer Requests deadline and other dates thereafter.

Below are the remaining key dates for the budget & staffing process for the 06-07 school year:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Round 2</b> —Vacancy Announcement Posted
April 24	Potential non-renewal for Reduction-in-Force (RIF), performance, or certification acted upon by Board.
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Round 2</b> —Transfer Requests due to Human Resources
April 30	Non-Renewal date for teachers per Ohio Revised Code
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Round 2</b> —Interviews Begin
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Round 2</b> —Interviews End
June 5	<b>FINAL</b> Vacancy Announcement posted for placement of surplus teachers.

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