

# Chancellor of Board of Regents visits KSU Tuscarawas campus

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"This campus is the future," said Eric D. Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents while speaking recently to members of the community at Kent State University Tuscarawas. "The governor's plan of increasing higher education enrollment by 230,000 students over the next 10 years is a great idea, but this massive growth isn't going to happen at the main campuses. It's going to happen at smaller regional campuses, like here at Kent State Tuscarawas.

"Forty years ago when Governor Rhodes introduced his 30 mile plan, making sure that no matter where anyone in the state of Ohio lived, they would be within 30 miles of a college, university or other form of higher education, New Philadelphia took the challenge and in 1968, opened Kent State University Tuscarawas. Over the years, the campus has changed and grown, and the original \$860,000 investment has grown into a \$46 million asset to the community," said Dr. Gregg Andrews, dean of Kent State University Tuscarawas.

The one topic discussed briefly but ever-present in the room was the current economic situation. With people struggling to make payments on their homes and automobiles, let alone pay for daily living, many people are discouraged to continue their education. Fingerhut addressed this by taking notice of the two-year tuition freeze for state universities and discussing the current proposal for another two-year freeze. This makes Ohio's higher education system more competitive with other schools around the nation.

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