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**Summit County Councilman John Schmidt tapped for
Schnee Learning Center Board of Directors**

Summit County Councilmember John Schmidt can now add a local Board of Directors seat to his long list of public service duties. Schmidt, the District 2 representative which consists of most of Cuyahoga Falls, Munroe Falls and a portion of Akron, will serve on the Cuyahoga Falls School District's Schnee Learning Center Board of Directors.

"As a product of the Cuyahoga Falls Public School System, it is an honor to be able to give back in any way that I can," Schmidt said. "I am honored by the opportunity to serve on the board and I am anxious to do whatever I can to enhance the quality of operations at the Schnee Learning Center."

The Schnee Learning Center is a public conversion community school often referred to as charter schools. The community schools allow staff to better tailor the education plan for students. The Schnee Learning Center welcomes high school students who are seeking an alternative approach to education.

Students at the Schnee Learning Center work at their own level and pace during a shorter school day, which allows them to adjust their schedule for work purposes. Students who graduate from the Schnee Learning Center, which is a Tier 1 school, receive a high school diploma.

The Schnee Learning Center Board of Directors consists of three representatives from the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools as well as four public members. The Board acts as any other Board of Education by approving policies, finances as well as other operations. The membership to the Board is on a rotating basis. The Board approved Schmidt's appointment at their May 13, 2009 meeting.

Schmidt has dedicated much of his life to serving the public in various roles, including having served 20 years as a Cuyahoga Falls City Council member. Schmidt also has prior service to the county having worked on the County Executive's staff for thirteen years and served as Deputy Director for the Board of Elections.

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