



## ATTENTION 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

Are you interested in meeting other teens from across Sandusky County? Do you enjoy learning about your community? Are you interested in gaining some leadership skills that will be with you for life? Do you want to succeed in high school? Are you ready for some fun, exciting and new educational experiences? If you answered **YES** to any of these questions then **Youth Leadership Sandusky County** is for you!

**Youth Leadership Sandusky County (YLSC)** is a new program for 8<sup>th</sup> graders who live in Sandusky County or attend a school in Sandusky County. The key is you must apply for this program prior to the start of your 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

**YLSC** is for students who are interested in expanding their **leadership skills** while interacting with a broad range of community leaders and peers. Your class will have up to 24 students from across the county with which you will **make friends** and experience the program through 6 class sessions during your 8th grade year.

The program kicks off with a special **Who are YOU? and Why am I here?** orientation session and gets you involved in appreciating what community service is all about. The following four classes will cover topics from learning all about the county to how to effectively communicate. You will gain knowledge that will help you succeed in high school and beyond and learn about doing business in the county. We will cover aspects of justice and law with local tours and we'll celebrate with a **You Made It!** Ceremony for your last **YLSC** class meeting.

This program is possible thanks to the cooperation of your school, parents and community leaders. The schedule is set up so that you will only have to miss school (darn, right?!) a couple of times. We've worked most dates to fall when school isn't in session. Your school principal or guidance counselor must certify your application; therefore they'll excuse you from school when necessary. The cost is \$50 per student and **scholarships** will be available for those interested. So, this is a great opportunity for you... **you** can be part of the second **YLSC** class and it will only take a small commitment that will gain you **BIG benefits for life!**

The **YLSC** program is coordinated through the Leadership Sandusky County Board of Trustees, who run the very successful adult counterpart to this program. The adult program, Leadership Sandusky County (LSC), is in its' 15<sup>th</sup> year and has over 250 graduates who have benefited from the experience. You will grow from the **YLSC** experience and it will be a **great accomplishment** to have on your future resume or job applications.

Your class sessions will be held at Terra State Community College from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., unless otherwise stated. The class presenters will range from community leaders to professionals in their field of expertise. And, these individuals are willing to work with **YOU** because you are our **future leaders!**

So, don't delay. Read through the attached application and complete the agreement as soon as possible and return it to your school principal. The deadline for applications to be received in our office is August 30<sup>th</sup>. However, if additional slots are available to your school the selection will be based on the date the application was received. So, the sooner the better! Don't miss out on this opportunity to **expand your skills and knowledge** through a great learning experience as part of the next **YLSC** class.