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Cox Communications to donate \$3,000 to Leadership for Tomorrow
Field trip to City Hall and Parma Justice Center are highlights of the program for area fourth-graders

PARMA, Ohio - Co-founders of the Leadership for Tomorrow program – City Treasurer Tom Mastroianni, Mayor Tim DeGeeter and the late Anthony Zielinski – envisioned a program in which school-age children could learn about municipal government and maybe ignite an interest that could lead to future public service. Leadership for Tomorrow brings local fourth-graders to City Hall and the Justice Center on a field trip that nurtures these goals.

On Friday, Feb. 24, Cox will send Market Vice President Robert Brill to City Hall to present a check for \$3,000 in support of the program. DeGeeter and Mastroianni will accept a ceremonial oversized check while students from John Muir watch. The check from Cox will supplement private donations that keep the program running.

“As an organization, Leadership for Tomorrow is a catalyst for inspiring students to get involved in their communities and local government,” Brill said. “At Cox, we are committed to forging community partnerships that drive civic engagement, and we are proud to offer our support to Leadership for Tomorrow.”

The program’s founders are grateful to Cox Communications for its generous support of the program. "It's been great to have Cox Communications sponsor our Anthony Zielinski Leadership for Tomorrow program over the last several years," said Mastroianni. “Cox is a great community partner whose generous donation has helped Parma-area public- and private-school children learn a live civics lesson."

Said Mayor DeGeeter: “It’s always enjoyable to show the students around my office and to talk to them about what it means to be the mayor. Part of their experience is a mock council meeting,

and I like hearing about what is important to them, what issues they choose to consider. I am grateful to Cox for helping to sustain this important learning experience.”

Media are invited to the check presentation.