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#### Next FOEP Awareness Events:

March 11, Cocktails at COSE  
HQ (100 Public Sq) 5:30 pm.

April 21, Luncheon, Union  
Club. 11:30am – 1 pm.

June 11, Box Lunch & Tours  
of the NEW E Prep School  
11:30 am – 1 pm

June 26, E Prep School  
GRADUATION 1:00 pm

Send names for events to:  
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## AWARENESS!

The key to E Prep's future is raising awareness and new friends. There are five points that we'd like you to share with your friends about what's going on in urban education and E Prep. Thanks for being a friend.

### 1. UPCOMING EVENTS

Invite two friends and join us at the next two events. COSE is sponsoring a delightful evening with cocktails and refreshments on March 11 at 5:30 pm at COSE HQ 100 Public Square. April 21 is lunch at 11:30 am – 1 pm at the Union Club. It is critical to our future that more people get to know about the results that E Prep is achieving every day.

### 2. ANNOUNCING ZEALOUS SCHOOLS

After an in-depth study of successful charter schools throughout the country, we've followed their lead in creating a non-profit Management Services Organization: Zealous Schools. This will enable us to better manage the business aspects of the school by effectively sharing resources between E Prep School and our new elementary school, Village Preparatory School. Andy Kline chairs the board of Zealous Schools and the infrastructure will allow us to seamlessly create new schools under this umbrella over time. Look for a branding change over time.

### 3. E PREP TO COLLEGE

E Prep's mission is to send 100% of its graduates to college! This starts with placing 100% of its graduates in a college-preparatory high school. 100% of our eighth graders have already completed their college-prep high school applications and acceptances are beginning to arrive at E Prep. In the next issue, we'll provide some details, but schools who have issued acceptance letters so far include: St. Martin de Porres High School, University School, Andrews Osborne, Gilmour, St. Ignatius, the CMSD Stem Schools, and John Hay Campus. Congratulations E Preppers!

### 4. EXCITING COLLABORATION EXPANDS

The buzz word in Cleveland is "collaboration" and Zealous Schools is part of a major collaborative effort of the top urban schools in Cleveland! Our three-school collaboration has expanded as we are now meeting regularly and developing strategies with Citizens', Intergenerational, St. Martin de Porres, Horizon Science, and Urban Community School. In addition, we are all working closely with Leigh McGuigan, Senior Executive of CMSD's New and Innovative Schools, to develop ways to share best practices between high achieving charter, independent, and district schools. Stay tuned for exciting developments as this high-energy collaborative group works quickly to impact Cleveland's future. Education is a long-term solution to the pervasive problem of poverty and we're THINKING BIG, starting small, and *moving fast*.

### 5. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET- SCARY

The proposed state budget is very scary for schools like E Prep. Look at this excerpt from a recent press release from the Ohio Coalition for Quality Education:

*"Public community schools already operate with 30% less funding than urban district schools. And yet, Governor Strickland is calling for additional funding reductions of 20% for brick-n-mortar community schools and over 70% for distance learning e-schools. There isn't a public school in Ohio, State Government or corporation in the country that could operate with those kinds of funding reductions."*

It's time to write to the governor and let him know that this is unacceptable. If you are willing to do this, email us and we'll provide templates and contact information. This is serious.



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