



The Big Fix: Water, Sewers, Roads



- Level 1 – Listing
- Level 2 – Summarizing
- Level 3 – Construct a response
 - You will write a editorial to the Newspaper. You will be responding to the article that we just read.
 - **Can taxpayers afford to pay for Rail on top of all this? Do we want to?**



How to write an editorial...

- **Introduction**
- State your topic up front, explain its history and affirm why it is relevant and who is affected by it. Clearly word your opinion and the main reason you have embraced it.
- **Body**
- Support your position with another reason. Acknowledge counter arguments and opinions. Present relevant facts and statistics and include ethical or moral reasons for your stand. Give an example of what you think would be the best approach to or outcome of the situation.
- **Conclusion**
- Make an emotional or passionate statement regarding why your opinion or proposed solution is better than others. Tie up the piece by clearly restating your stance.

Columbus schools **should learn** from Cleveland's charter-school approach

- **Given how much worse the Cleveland Metropolitan School District fares on the Ohio Department of Education's school report cards than do Columbus City Schools, one might doubt the Columbus district could learn much from Cleveland.**
- But a recent initiative by the Cleveland district to embrace charter schools rather than fight them is an indication that the perennially troubled district is intent on providing new opportunities for students. It is a striking contrast to Columbus' district, where officials' persistent antipathy toward charters recently was highlighted by a free-thinking Board of Education member.
- **Collaboration between the district and charters stands to benefit both.** If the charters are effective and help students improve their performance, those test scores will boost the district's dismal numbers.
- **More important, the district could learn from and adopt methods from the charters that succeed,** whether through innovation or better application of tried-and-true techniques.
- **A demanding application and careful screening are important, because,** even though Ohio's state oversight and standards for charter schools have improved in recent years, many charters still fail.
- **Columbus school officials should focus on improving chances for success - in part by breaking old patterns that have failed - instead of suppressing criticism.**