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Bill LaFayette, Ph.D. is the founder and owner of Regionomics®, a consulting firm focused on helping clients understand and thrive in small-area economies. Services include economic development strategy, workforce strategy, economic impact analysis, economic and demographic analysis, and fiscal analysis. LaFayette brings to his work nearly 25 years of experience in economic development and economic analysis in central Ohio.

LaFayette earned a Ph.D. in real estate economics from The Ohio State University in 1994. He also holds an M.B.A. in investment management and a B.S., Summa cum Laude, in finance and accounting, both from Wright State University. He is a 2004 graduate of Leadership Columbus and the 2018 inductee into the Leadership Columbus Hall of Fame. He is a former member of the CMC Board of Trustees and current member of the Program Committee.



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Mark Williams
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Mark Williams has been a business reporter with The Columbus Dispatch since 2010. He writes about employment, banking, insurance, and personal finance. Before joining the newspaper, he worked for The Associated Press for 14 years, the last two as a national energy writer.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in history from Miami University and a Master's Degree in journalism from Ohio University. Williams and his wife have hosted 12 exchange students (not all at once!) and have raised 13 puppies for Pilot Dogs.

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Democracy in Crisis Series

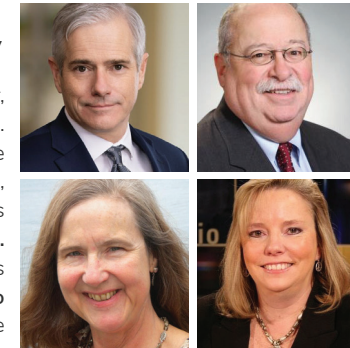
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The Kids AREN'T Alright: Closing COVID's Learning Gap



Featuring Amy Gordon, Executive Director and CEO, Communities In Schools of Ohio, Cheryl Ward, Vice President, Success by Third Grade, United Way of Central Ohio, and Stéphane Lavertu, Ph.D., Professor, Director of Doctoral Studies, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University, with host Eric Karolak, Ph.D., CEO, Action for Children.

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Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor



Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor completes her term on Ohio's Supreme Court on December 31 and steps down as Ohio's longest-serving statewide elected woman. Join CMC and host Yvette McGee Brown, Partner, Jones Day, and Former Justice, The Supreme Court of Ohio, for a conversation with O'Connor, reflecting on her long service to Ohio and what the future might hold for voters, the state's Constitution, and Ohio's highest court.

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