

State Representative

Gayle Manning

Welcome

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I hope you all have had a great start to 2024. Though we are only a few months into the new year, I have had the opportunity to attend several in-district events to speak with members of our community. I met Carole Klinger with LIFE: A Dementia Friendly Foundation, had brunch with the hardworking farmers of Lorain County, spoke with students at Firelands High School who participate in Open Doors Academy, and saw young people strive for excellence at a tutoring session at the Lorain County Library. There is so much to be grateful for here in Lorain County, and it is truly a privilege to advocate for my community.



Lorain Public Library System Tutoring Session

Educating the next generation is important to not only myself, but the State of Ohio. That is why the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce awarded \$5 million in Libraries Accelerating Learning Grants to libraries throughout Ohio. Lorain Public Library System received a portion of this funding to create and expand literacy programs for PreK-12 students. Witnessing these dollars at work in our community was such a positive experience.

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NEW LEGISLATION

As a retired teacher of 37 years, education is my passion. That is why I introduced

HOUSE BILL 407

This bill would bring transparency and accountability to state dollars and ensure all students have an equal playing field.

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Open Doors Academy

Open Doors Academy provides out-of-school education and enrichment opportunities for students. ODA holds before school, afterschool, and summer programs to assist students in reaching their full potential. I visited ODA's afterschool program at Firelands Middle and High School and was able to see just how effective this program really is. For more information, please visit the Open Doors Academy website linked below.

Open Doors Academy:

<https://www.opendoorsacademy.org/>



LIFE: A Dementia Friendly Foundation

Thank you to Carole Klingler for inviting me to the opening of LIFE: A Dementia Friendly Foundation's fifth location in Avon Lake. LIFE also has locations in Wellington, Elyria, Amherst, and North Ridgeville. This foundation offers education, resources, and activities to improve the lives of those touched by dementia. LIFE hosts Memory Cafes where individuals with memory loss can experience a judgment free zone filled with games, dancing, and service dogs. These Memory Cafes take place from 10am-2pm Monday through Thursday at their various Lorain County locations. For more information, please visit the LIFE website linked below.

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<https://www.dflife.org/>