

Ohio Educator and Veteran to Speak in D.C. for Troops to Teachers

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 28, 2013 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Eric Combs, Assistant Principal in Fairborn City Schools, will be headed to Washington D.C. this week to participate in the Troops to Teachers: Next Generation Planning Conference.

A retired veteran, teacher and now administrator, Eric was a successful participant of the Troops to Teachers program and will be asked to speak on the benefits of hiring veterans to serve in our nation's schools.

He will be bringing his unique background as an Adjunct Faculty member at Wright State University and Antioch University Midwest and as a celebrated educator (2006 Ohio Teacher of the Year, Director and Curriculum Developer for the Center of Teacher Effectiveness) to the table with delegates from higher education, the Department of Defense and several private businesses.

They will be deciding on the vision and future of this program that assists veterans in becoming certified teachers in high need areas and subjects. Since 1993, Troops to Teachers has placed over 18,000 veterans in classrooms of which, 75 percent remain in the classroom or in education as counselors or principals after 5 years (46 percent of teachers leave the career field within the first five years; Forbes March 8, 2011).

The main goal of this conference is to explore the possibility of becoming a private-public model to help sustainability in a time when many veterans are expected to be returning to civilian life in the next five to ten years.

Mr. Combs will be speaking on the attributes and experiences veterans bring to education and how the program can help to efficiently and effectively help military members continue to serve in our nations' classrooms.

Those interested in speaking with Mr. Combs may want to contact him via his website located at <http://ericcombs.com/> .

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