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## FRANKLIN COUNTY TREASURER TO KICK-OFF FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH AT BUCKEYE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Columbus, OH** – Continuing the tradition to promote financial literacy education, Franklin County Treasurer Ed Leonard will kick-off financial literacy month by co-sponsoring “Reality Days” to educate Buckeye Middle School students about the importance of personal finance. The Franklin County Treasurer’s office has partnered with Columbus Public Schools and Huntington Bank to offer “Reality Days”, a hands-on experience, giving students a taste of the “real world.” Students are assigned occupations based on their grade point average and a credit score is based on their attendance. With this information, each student is given a salary and randomly assigned a marital status and number of children. The students are then responsible to maintain a budget while meeting expenses.

“What better way to highlight Financial Literacy Month than by teaching our young people the importance of financial literacy,” said County Treasurer Ed Leonard, “We are fortunate to partner the Columbus Public Schools and Huntington Bank, along with many other organizations who have come together to make this an educational tool that will stick with students long after they leave the classroom.”

**WHO:** Treasurer Ed Leonard, Huntington National Bank and Columbus Public Schools

**WHAT:** Financial Literacy Month Kick-Off

**WHERE:** Buckeye Middle School – 2950 Parsons Ave.

**WHEN:** Thursday April 5, 2007 9:00 am- 10:00 am

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