Gubernatorial visit planned for YSU Thursday

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YSU will be the site of Ohio governor Bob Taft's regional cabinet meeting today.

The cabinet meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. in McKay Auditorium, Beeghly College of Education, with opening remarks from university President David Sweet, Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey, Warren Mayor Hank Angelo, Ashtabula County Commissioner Robert Boggs, Columbiana County Commissioner Sean Logan, Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce President Tom Humpries, and Vindicator publisher Betty H. Jagnow.

Dr. Bill Binning, chair, political science, will emcee the meeting, according to a governor's office press release.

Next, a community presentation with representatives from the regional chamber of commerce, Lordstown-GM, UAW 1112, Columbiana Port Authority and Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County will take place.

At 11 a.m., breakout sessions of various government agencies, which are open to the public, are scheduled across campus. Transportation and industry is scheduled for McKay Auditorium, BCOE; Health and human services is scheduled for Room 2324, BCOE; Agriculture, natural resources and EPA is scheduled for Room 2057, Cushwa Hall; Education is scheduled for Room 1106, Cushwa Hall; Criminal Justice is scheduled for Room 3039, Cushwa Hall; and Veterans Affairs is scheduled for Room 4306, BCOE.

Aaron McLear, a communications specialist for the governor, said the entire cabinet, senior staff members and the directors of government agencies will be present for the event.

Pam Palumbo, associate director, development, said the events allow the governor to learn more about the cares and concerns of the communities in which they are held.

All sessions are free and open to the public.