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College affordability topic of Biden visits

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to be at area career school today.

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Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will visit central Ohio on Thursday to talk about education. Duncan also will be in the Dayton area today.

Biden and Duncan will visit Lincoln High School in Gahanna, near Columbus, to discuss college affordability, according to a White House press release. They'll note that since members of Lincoln's senior class were born, tuition at Ohio State University has more than tripled. Currently, more than two-thirds of Ohio college students take out loans to pay for school and graduate with an average debt of more than \$27,000.

This is the second trip to Ohio the administration has made in the last two weeks.

Last week, President Obama visited Shaker Heights to announce the recess appointment of former Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray as head of the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Duncan will host a town hall Wednesday at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center in Clayton to discuss adult education and the role that career and technical training plays in rebuilding the economy.

Duncan will be joined by Brenda Dann-Messier, who is the department's assistant secretary for Vocational and Adult Education; John Boggess, the center's superintendent; Amy Leedy, the center's adult education supervisor; and Jason M. Murphy, the human resources manager for Caterpillar Logistics Services Inc.

Last year, Caterpillar built a \$69 million, 1.6 million-square-foot distribution center in Clayton. Plans are for the company to hire as many as 600 workers when the center is fully operational this spring.

The town hall begins at 4 p.m. at the center, 6800 Hoke Road.

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