# Purpose of Dayton OS

The purpose / goal of Dayton OS is:
1. to organize, facilitate, encourage, and promote nonpartisan educational efforts with the purpose of educating the public and positively engaging the public in meaningful discussions concerning important issues of our day
2. to build authentic democracy throughout the Miami Valley


## Part One
### to organize, facilitate, encourage, and promote nonpartisan education efforts


**The formation of a cutting edge website that will:**
1. Promote and facilitate volunteer citizen journalism efforts.
2. Organize ongoing discussions about important topics.  Each topic will include an archive of materials concerning the topic and research links that will direct in-depth and ongoing research concerning the topic.
3. Organize area high schools and colleges to participate in the discussions of these topics.
4. Organize area experts to participate in these discussions.

**And to expand this website:**
1. Use currently organized groups -- such as Dayton Council of World Affairs, Kids Voting and League of Women Voters -- to help expand interest and participation in these discussions.
2. Create educational public events where these topics are discussed, possibly centered on the ongoing discussion of a specific book, or the presentation of an acknowledged expert concerning a specific topic.
3. Create videos that capture these educational events and post and archive these videos on Dayton OS.
4. Develop a high school educational program that will result in organized public events and the creation of educational videos centered on these events as well as additional research.
5. Describe these high school educational programs as well as the overall vision of Dayton OS educational efforts in neatly organized, attractive literature, posted on Dayton OS and also printed -- as a means to solicit funds.
6. Solicit funds for educational efforts by using Grassroots Dayton's 501C(3) as a means to solicit tax-free donations from individuals and foundations.

7. Create a 15 minute video newscast that will be broadcast every day at the same time and that will be archived on the web-site.
8. Organize student groups who will be responsible for producing these 15 minute newscasts on a rotating basis.


## Part Two
### to build authentic democracy throughout the Miami Valley

1. Focus attention on the five Ohio House seats in Montgomery County and find viable candidates, Republicans and Democrats, who will complete candidacy petitions by Jan 4.
2. Create a Dayton OS platform of proposed actions and guiding foundational principles that Ohio House primary candidates will be asked to respond to, as a basis for Dayton OS endorsement.
3. Create this platform by engaging members of the Dayton OS Facebook Group within discussions and within a democratic process that will create that platform.
4. Publish these discussions and democratic actions in Dayton OS on a regular basis and solicit more and more individuals to engage in the platform process.
5. Endorse a slate of Democratic primary candidates, by February 1 -- one candidate for each Ohio House District, based, first of all, on the candidate's level of commitment to the Dayton OS platform and based, secondly, on the perceived overall winnability of the candidate.
6. Endorse, if available, a slate of Republican candidates who sufficiently meet the criteria outlined in the Dayton OS platform.
7. Raise money and work for the primary election of these endorsed candidates.

## Other Ideas:
1. Organize Dayton OS as a commercial venture and define the entity as having a total of 5000 shares each initially worth $20 each and allow individuals to buy these shares, with the thought of capitalizing Dayton OS initially with $100,000
2. Show a plan as to how shareholders will be paid dividends according to ad revenue, say, promise that one-half of all ad revenue will be paid to shareholders.
3. Make Dayton OS Facebook a closed group, so that individuals must have permission from the groups administrators to join the group.  Allow all shareholders to become part of the Facebook and allow all paying members to join the group.  Charge $5.00 per membership.