

Metro-York wants changes in government, education

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[Metro-York](#) today called for broad changes to government and educational systems in York County.

The civic group proposed tax reform, regional planning and police department mergers. Metro-York also proposed incentives to draw middle-class families back to city schools and said there should be a focus on finding jobs for struggling city residents.

Many of [The Group's Recommendations](#) called for more study, but Metro-York leaders emphasized they planned to follow through.

"The goal was to produce a list of ideas that are aggressive and can have a big impact but are also very doable," said Eric Menzer, co-chairman of Metro-York, speaking to an audience of more than 150 people at the York Jewish Community Center this morning.

Metro-York proposed a commission to study how taxes could be shared among municipalities and school districts. Another group would examine the structure of county government. Metro-York also called for raising \$30 million to spend over the next 10 years on programs for at-risk youth in city schools, citing an alarming dropout rate.

Metro-York leaders highlighted polling results that suggest widespread support for their ideas among York County residents.

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