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Today begins a new day for real estate practitioners in Northern and Eastern Ohio. Northern Ohio Regional MLS (NORMLS) - serving the greater Cleveland area, and the Centralized Real Estate Information Service (CRIS) – serving the greater Akron, Canton, Youngstown area have approved a consolidation into a new company. Yes-MLS will serve the region formerly included in NORMLS and CRIS, which will also include the Wayne/Holmes Association area, the Guernsey Muskingum Valley Association area, the Marietta, Ohio and Parkersburg, West Virginia areas.

The Shareholders of these two companies voted on January 22, 2018 to consolidate into one new company to be known as Yes-MLS. The combined membership will exceed 12,000 members and will serve 36 Counties in Ohio and West Virginia. Yes-MLS will be the largest MLS in Ohio and is expected to be fully complete by early Spring 2018.

Carl DeMusz, current CEO of NORMLS will serve as CEO of Yes MLS. “This consolidation opens many doors for our members as we empower our brokerages to serve their clientele locally and on a national scale by implementing standards that knock down barriers to their businesses”, said DeMusz.

John Kurlich, current CEO of CRIS who will serve as COO of Yes MLS observed, “The ‘consolidation’, rather than a ‘merger’, enables us to create a new and forward-looking MLS for our members. One that provides accurate data and the technology to use that data in an increasingly data driven real estate environment.”

Ed Dolinsky, Chairman of the Board at NORMLS, will serve on the Board of Directors of Yes MLS. “This consolidation is consistent with the needs of the real estate industry and will help brokers and agents more easily and seamlessly access listing content for true market areas. This will also benefit the consumers we all serve by providing more and better apps to use when buying or selling real estate”, said Dolinsky.

Dave Bissler, President of CRIS MLS will also serve on the Board of Directors of YES MLS. "It's an exciting time for our members. This consolidation will bring unity to our area as well as opportunity. It's our chance to move forward in an industry that is ever changing"