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Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding Endorses Education Reform Plan

Columbus, Ohio – The Steering Committee of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding passed a resolution of support for Ohio Governor Ted Strickland’s education reform plan as modified by the Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee.

“I am deeply grateful for the support of the Coalition. Bill Phillis and the Coalition’s members have been long-time leaders in advocating for a high-quality system of education that is effectively funded to meet the unique needs of every Ohio child,” Strickland said. “The Coalition has been a partner to both my administration and the House of Representatives as we crafted an education plan to ensure that every Ohio child will have the educational opportunities that will prepare them for success in the modern economy.”

The resolution commends the Governor for his total commitment to giving public K-12 education the highest priority and for proposing an entirely new school funding system that is premised on student needs.

In addition, the resolution applauds State Representative Steve Dyer and the Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee he chairs for crafting substantial improvements in the Governor’s plan.

“Ohio is on the threshold of a new era of high-quality educational opportunities for all students,” said William L. Phillis, executive director of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding. “The Governor’s education plan puts Ohio on track for constitutional compliance.”

“In the long term, this expanded investment will improve Ohio’s economy,” said Larry Miller, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Coalition. “This investment is Ohio’s best tool for economic development.”