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Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools Endorses Education Reform Plan

Columbus, Ohio – The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) has announced its support for Ohio Governor Ted Strickland’s education plan as modified by the Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee.

“Our education plan makes important investments in our rural and Appalachian schools by providing the resources and opportunities to engage students and ensure they are successful,” Strickland said. “It is essential that all Ohio children, regardless of where they grow up, have a high quality educational experience that prepares them for life, college and the jobs of the future. Developing a system of education that meets the needs of every child and promotes 21st century learning and skills is our best strategy for lasting economic growth and job creation in our state.”

The full text of the resolution as passed by CORAS is included below:

A copy of the resolution is below.

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) commends Governor Strickland and the Ohio House of Representatives for leading an effort to achieve a “thorough and efficient” school finance system in Ohio.

WHEREAS, CORAS believes the education reform elements of Governor Strickland’s plan are sound, comprehensive, systemic and, when fully implemented would provide Ohio school children with quality learning experiences, and

WHEREAS, given the current economic conditions in Ohio, CORAS believes the Ohio House of Representatives modifications to the Governor Strickland’s school funding reform plan will maintain schools over the next two years, and when fully funded, along with inflationary and necessary cost adjustments as determined by the School Funding Research Advisory Council, will provide adequate resources to implement the education reform elements, and

WHEREAS, CORAS believes there is a commitment by Governor Strickland and members of the current Ohio House of Representatives to provide sufficient state funding to school districts at the time the various elements of the plan are required to be implemented; and be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools endorses the Ohio education and school funding reform plan proposed by Governor Strickland, including the modifications by the Ohio House of Representatives.