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Ohio School Boards Association Endorses Education Reform Plan

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) has announced its support for Ohio Governor Ted Strickland’s education reform and funding plan as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives in Sub. House Bill 1.

“Our school board members serve important roles as the critical link between our school districts and local community members,” Strickland said. “I am grateful for the support of OSBA members and their leadership, and I look forward to working with them and their networks as we advocate for the education reforms that will modernize Ohio’s schools for the 21st century and build our economy.”

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio School Boards Association voted unanimously on Wednesday to support the plan.

“We commend Gov. Strickland and the House for offering stakeholders the opportunity to be involved in the process of crafting this legislation,” said OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis. “It is a difficult task during these hard economic times, but this budget is a step toward providing a high-quality education for every Ohio child, regardless of where they live.”

“We support Substitute House Bill 1,” said OSBA President Tawana Lynn Keels, “and applaud the governor and Ohio House for incorporating provisions for ongoing monitoring, review and modification.”

The Ohio School Boards Association is in its 54th year of service to public education and represents the state’s public school boards’ members. OSBA’s services include: management consulting; continuing education through training programs and workshops; policy development; legal services; legislative initiatives; management services; superintendent and other executive searches; information; technology; employee relations; and communications.