

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MAJOR TENETS OF GOVERNOR STRICKLAND'S EDUCATION REFORM PLAN FOR REFORMING OHIO'S EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

The Executive Committee RECOMMENDS that the State Board of Education ADOPT the following Resolution:

WHEREAS in his State of the State address on January 28, 2009, Governor Ted Strickland outlined his plan for Reforming Ohio's Education System for the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education passed a resolution on February 10, 2009 commending the Governor for bringing forth a 21st century education plan to the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS the plan, as modified by the Ohio House of Representatives, remains student-centered, focusing on preparing students for the 21st century and ensuring they graduate ready to meet the demands of postsecondary education and the workplace; and

WHEREAS the Governor is committed to expanding learning opportunities for all students, improving educator quality and establishing a high level of school district accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS the plan aims to make Ohio's education system competitive in the United States and with countries around the world; and

WHEREAS the Governor's Education Reform Plan as modified continues to align with key principles of the State Board of Education's vision document entitled "Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century: A Vision for Transforming PK-12 Education in Ohio":  
Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That while recognizing Ohio's economic climate may impact the full and immediate implementation of parts of the plan, the State Board of Education supports the Governor's Education Reform Plan for its recommendations that advance a student-centered, 21st century education system; and, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education emphasizes the importance of maintaining flexibility in the implementation of the plan and working with school districts in the process and urges the General Assembly to incorporate such flexibility into the plan; and, Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education is committed to working with the Governor, the Ohio General Assembly and education stakeholders to develop, advance and implement these recommendations for improving education in Ohio.