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Ohio public school boards welcoming former ECOT students back into their schools

COLUMBUS — Ohio’s public schools are opening their doors to the approximately 12,000 students affected by the closure of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT).

“Ohio’s public school boards are welcoming former ECOT students back into their schools,” said Richard Lewis, Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) executive director. “OSBA is supporting those boards with any assistance they need to help those students transition back into the public school system.”

The online charter school’s sponsor, the Educational Service Center (ESC) of Lake Erie West, voted Thursday to close ECOT, citing the school’s financial problems. OSBA supports the ESC in its decision.

“Ohio’s public schools have always offered the best educational opportunities,” Lewis said. “They provide a rigorous and engaging curriculum that aligns with students’ future goals and prepares them for a wide range of college and career paths. Thousands of former ECOT students can take advantage of these opportunities.”

Lewis said OSBA and its membership of more than 700 school districts are encouraging families to contact their home districts and enroll their children. Districts have accelerated their enrollment processes to get students back in school as soon as possible.

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