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**Ohio School Boards Association applauds inclusion of school-funding formula in budget bill**

COLUMBUS — The Ohio School Boards Association today reacted to the inclusion of the Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget bill, House Bill (HB) 110.

“This is a bold and historic decision that will reverberate for decades,” said Rick Lewis, OSBA chief executive officer. “Enacting this funding model represents a generational investment that will thrust Ohio forward into an era of stable and predictable education budgets to help schools meet the needs of all students.”

The plan was modified and added to the bill by the Conference Committee on HB 110, and is likely to be approved tonight by the House of Representatives and Senate. The funding plan is the product of more than three years of work by House Speaker Robert R. Cupp (R-Lima) and former Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson), who crafted the plan with the help of school superintendents and treasurers from across the state. The plan would be phased in over six years.

“The work does not end today, though,” Lewis said. “The bill only funds two years of the six-year plan, which means future lawmakers must commit themselves to push this adequate and equitable funding formula across the finish line. We commend and thank Speaker Cupp, Senate President Matt Huffman and Gov. Mike DeWine for their leadership and commitment to children.”

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