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CAMPAIGN FOR OHIO'S FUTURE ANNOUNCES PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR NOVEMBER 2007 BALLOT; GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT SIGNATURES

Today the *Campaign for Ohio's Future* announced that it anticipates it will not qualify its proposed constitutional amendment on school funding for the 2007 ballot in November. The consortium will build upon the more than 150,000 signatures and 160 district support resolutions it has gathered by continuing to circulate petitions. The group also plans to meet with Governor Strickland this month to discuss his ongoing commitment to education funding reform in Ohio.

"We are pleased about the dialogue that our efforts have initiated to finally fix Ohio's unconstitutional school funding system," said Jim Betts, spokesperson for *The Campaign for Ohio's Future*. "We look forward to building upon this momentum by continuing to collect signatures and working with Governor Strickland."

The consortium of 12 statewide education groups leading the proposed constitutional amendment will continue to work together and to press for fundamental, comprehensive changes in Ohio's education funding environment.

The 12 organizations supporting the amendment are: Alliance for Adequate School Funding, Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, Ohio Association of Public School Employees, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding, Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers, Ohio Education Association, Ohio Educational Service Center Association, Ohio Fair Schools Campaign, Ohio Federation of Teachers and Ohio School Boards Association.

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