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**Expression of Appreciation to the Governor and Lt. Governor,
Education Organizations and Parents and Students**

COLUMBUS, OH (April 1) – As Alliance member school districts marked the anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic over the last several weeks, it has allowed our members to reflect on the significant challenges and resulting changes that have impacted the way we educate students.

We would like to formally recognize the educators, school personnel, public-health advisors, the **Ohio Department of Education under the direction of Superintendent Paolo DeMaria**, and all community partners who assisted Alliance districts in providing guidance, support, and help: from securing and distributing personal protective supplies to creating new online opportunities for our students on a moment's notice. Most notably, Ohio educators have performed admirably and we applaud the herculean efforts they've each made this past year.

The Alliance especially thanks **Governor DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Husted** for recognizing the important need to vaccinate Ohio's school personnel and taking the initiative to prioritize the vaccination of educators and school support staff. By prioritizing the school-related vaccinations, our schools were able to reopen to all students and provide all staff a safe environment in which to work.

We would also like to thank **Craig Burford, the Executive Director of the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA)** and all the leadership at each ESC for the role they played in coordinating school vaccinations. We appreciate the countless hours the ESCs worked to coordinate and schedule with local health

departments and vaccine providers and to distribute necessary COVID supplies and tests.

Finally, we express our appreciation to Ohio's **students and families** for their patience and support through a most challenging time. Our hope is that the lessons learned both from an instructional standpoint as well as how to deliver instruction in various ways will assist us in educating Ohio's students moving forward.

While we certainly anticipate additional COVID-related challenges as we wrap up this school year and prepare for the 2021-22 school year, we are thankful to have had an amazing local and state support system to rely on.

A list of Alliance districts is attached to this release.



ALLIANCE MEMBER DISTRICTS

Anthony Wayne Local School District
Aurora City School District
Avon Lake City School District
Avon Local School District
Bay Village City School District
Beachwood City School District
Bedford City School District
Berea City School District
Bexley City School District
Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District
Brooklyn City School District
Brunswick City School District
Carrollton Exempted Village Schools
Centerville City School District
Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District
Chardon Local School District
Copley-Fairlawn City School District
Cuyahoga Heights Local School District
Dublin City School District
ESC of Hamilton County
ESC of the Western Reserve
ESC of Montgomery County
ESC of Northeast Ohio
ESC of Summit County
Forest Hills Local School District
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District
Grandview Heights City School District
Granville Ex. Village School District
Highland Local School District
Hilliard City School District
Hudson City School District
Indian Hill Exempted Village School District
Kenston Local School District
Kettering City School District
Kings Local School District
Kirtland Local School District
Lakewood City School District
Lakota Local School District
Loveland City School District
Madeira City School District
Mariemont City School District
Mason City School District
Mayfield City School District
Medina City School District
Mentor Exempted Village School District
Milford Exempted Village School District
New Albany/Plain Local School District
North Olmsted City School District
North Royalton City School District
Olentangy Local School District
Orange City School District
Ottawa Hills Local School District
Perrysburg Exempted Village School District
Princeton City School District
Revere Local School District
Richmond Heights Local Schools
Riverside Local School District
Rocky River City School District
Solon City School District^[1]_{SEP}
South Euclid-Lyndhurst CSD
Strongsville City School District
Sycamore Community School District
Sylvania City School District
Twinsburg City School District
Upper Arlington City School District
Vandalia-Butler City School District
Wadsworth City School District
West Geauga Local School District
Westlake City School District
Wickliffe City School District
Woodridge Local School District
Wooster City School District
Worthington City School District
Wyoming City School District