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YOUR STATEHOUSE E-NEWS BULLETIN

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Dear Neighbors,

As autumn approaches and children head back to school, it is a good time to reflect on the major strides Ohio has taken toward improving education in our state. While other states have responded to the recession by slashing education funding, Ohio has protected school funding. We've done so because the key to lasting economic growth is to better prepare our children for the new kinds of jobs the 21st-Century economy is creating.

In order to put more Ohioans to work and promote lasting economic growth, we need to better prepare Ohio students for the jobs of the future. That's why in this session of the General Assembly we approved a new state education plan that ensures our schools are funded through a constitutional system, reforms our classrooms and strengthens teachers to better prepare students for success.

Here are some of the most significant reforms:

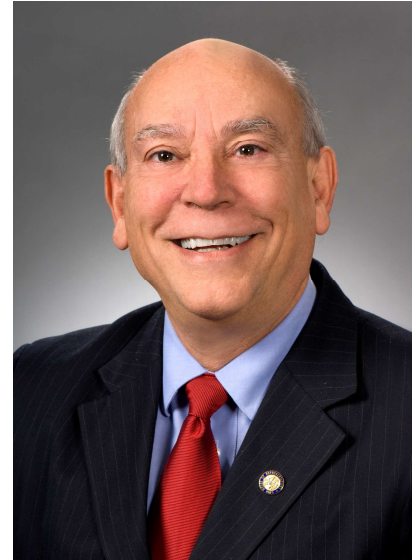
- **Modernizing Ohio Classrooms** – Aligns Ohio's academic standards to international benchmarks and incorporates creativity and innovation into the classrooms, while strengthening the core subjects.
- **Expanding Learning Opportunities** – Provides more learning opportunities by establishing all-day kindergarten, gradually expanding the school year, and expanding the learning day with additional activities, community service and wellness programs.
- **Increasing School District Accountability and Transparency** – Establishes a new level of school district accountability and transparency to local taxpayers. The Department of Education will work with districts to ensure they're in compliance with standards and help them make necessary improvements.
- **Establishing a Constitutional Funding System and Reducing the Reliance on Local Taxpayers** – Uses research and best practices to determine the components for student success, then drives resources to districts based on those findings.

Our children are our future, and my colleagues and I in the Ohio House continue to work to ensure they receive the best possible education.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me. I always welcome your thoughts, concerns and questions.

Sincerely,

Ted Celeste
State Representative



Join Me For My Next Town Hall Meeting

You're invited! Please join State Rep. Ted Celeste on **Monday, August 16th** for his 31st community town hall meeting as your



State Representative.

This public forum will be open for you to ask questions and share your suggestions on jobs and economic issues.

**Monday, August 16th
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
Hilliard Library
4772 Cemetery Road
Hilliard, OH**

Bringing Green Jobs and Green Energy to Ohio

Here in Ohio, we are looking forward. We are looking past the national recession and positioning our state to not only recover but thrive by bringing jobs and businesses back within our borders.

State Representatives are focusing their efforts on a powerful new tool that will attract the burgeoning wind and solar energy industry to Ohio while ensuring we create Ohio jobs.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Search Underway for Ohio Veterans



If you are a veteran, the Ohio Department of Veterans Service (ODVS) is searching for you.

You may be eligible for benefits and not even know it.

These benefits may enable a Veteran to pay for higher education, purchase a new home or get help treating a medical condition.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Spotlight: Links to Information on Back to School Resources

It's Back-to-School time again, and that means making sure our kids have all the resources they need to be successful.

As your child prepares to head off to kindergarten, ask yourself [these questions](#) to see how prepared they are. But remember, young children change so fast! Just because they can't do something this week doesn't mean you won't see them do it soon.

Finding a licensed preschool or school aged childcare program for after-school care can help teach your student valuable skills. Check out the Ohio Department of Education's [searchable database](#) to find a licensed provider in your area.

When the school day is done, try getting the whole family involved in your child's education. These [tools](#) provide fun opportunities for families to learn together.

Staying fit, active and well-rested can really help your student succeed. [Let's Move](#), a national project, provides a number of resources on healthy habits for kids, families and schools.

The school year will be over before you know it, so keep an eye on [Ohio's graduation requirements](#) to ensure your student is on the path to graduation.

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