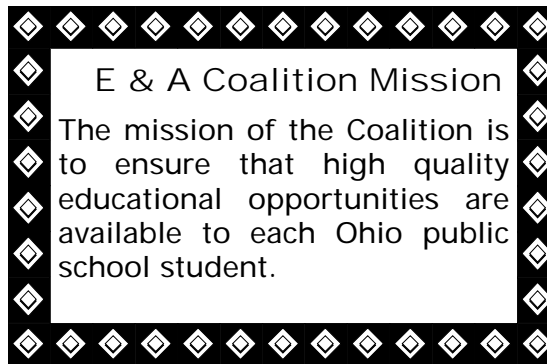


## Nine Basic Principles to Guide School Finance Reform

- Each student has a fundamental right to a high quality public education.
- There must be a process established to define the components of a high quality education. The components must be updated on a regular basis.
- Phantom revenue must be eliminated.
- An objective process to determine cost must be established.
- School funding is a state responsibility.
- Educational opportunities must extend from Pre-K through grade 12.
- Enforceability of the right of students to high quality educational opportunities must be included in the package.
- The over-reliance on property tax must be reduced. Property tax relief must be achieved.
- The quality of education must not be a function of school district property valuation or district income.



"The General Assembly shall make such provisions, by taxation, or otherwise, as, with the income arising from the school trust fund, will secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state; ..."

Ohio Constitution  
Article VI, section 2

## Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding Accomplishments, Results and On-going Goals



## Why Your District Should Participate

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## A History of Success: What the E & A Coalition has done for Ohio School Districts

- Brought about a \$23 billion school facilities program that has benefited hundreds of school districts since 1997
- Secured steady increases in the percent of the state budget going to K-12 public education from 34.5% in FY 1992 to 39.8% in FY 2009
- Secured for the first time, a declaration from the state's highest court that public education is a state responsibility under the Ohio Constitution
- Secured the Supreme Court determination that the funding system must undergo a complete systematic overhaul

## What the E & A Coalition is doing for Ohio School Districts

- Initiated the creation of a consortia of 11 statewide education organizations that have committed to the advancement of nine basic principles of public education in Ohio—(see back page)
- Publishing a history of the school funding reform effort with an emphasis on the *DeRolph* decisions
- Initiating a legislative package to incorporate the nine basic principles into Ohio law
- Building statewide public awareness of the importance of a strong, well-funded public education system to the welfare of the state
- Collaborating with other statewide organizations in school finance reform efforts

## Why your school district should belong to the E & A Coalition

- Reform cannot be achieved without focused advocacy; the E & A Coalition is singularly committed to the advancement of high quality educational opportunities for all students
- Reform cannot take place without public engagement; the E & A Coalition continues to be strategically positioned to create and sustain the public's awareness of Ohio's public education problems
- No school district can afford to stand on the sidelines in the hope that the problem will be resolved without its involvement, and thus,

**Your District's Support  
Is Essential!**