



**Media Contact:** Kaleigh Frazier  
**Phone:** 614-223-1555  
**Email:** kfrazier@schoio.org

## **School Choice Ohio Executive Director Stepping Down**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Nov. 16, 2011) – School Choice Ohio today announced that Executive Director Chad Aldis will be stepping down from his position with the organization to begin a new role with a national education reform organization.

“School Choice Ohio is grateful for Chad’s leadership and for his steadfast commitment to expanding school choice in the state of Ohio for the past four years,” said School Choice Ohio Board Chair Matt Cox. “He has helped position this organization to become a national leader on school choice, and we look forward to building on this solid groundwork as we continue our work to ensure that every child has access to a quality education.”

Under Aldis’ leadership, School Choice Ohio has become an established advocate for school choice of all types and a resource for the media, legislators, and business leaders on education reform. The organization also serves as an information source for thousands of Ohio families who are seeking the best educational environment for their children.

In the time since Aldis became executive director, Ohio created a new scholarship program for students with special needs, expanded the number of EdChoice scholarships available from 14,000 to 60,000, and increased the funding for the Cleveland Scholarship placing it on an equal footing with funding for the EdChoice Scholarship. At the same time, the state adopted approved accountability and transparency provisions for the scholarship programs.

“I have enjoyed my time at School Choice Ohio working to help secure school choice for thousands of Ohio families who need it the most,” said Aldis. “It has been rewarding to work with and advocate on behalf of parents who are committed to finding a better educational option for their child.”

Aldis’ last day at School Choice Ohio is November 25. The board is currently in the process of searching for a new executive director.

“School Choice Ohio remains actively committed to its goal of securing educational choice for all Ohio families, regardless of their zip code or family income,” said Cox.

###

***School Choice Ohio** (SCO) is committed to the goal of every child in Ohio having access to a quality education. Because this is not yet a reality, the organization works tirelessly to educate both the public and our leaders on the importance of empowering parents to find the best educational setting for the needs of their children. SCO believes that all parents should have the opportunity to choose which school is best for their children, regardless of their income level.*