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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Warner: SCO Applauds Rep. Huffman's Support of School Choice in HB 136**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Dec. 12, 2011) – School Choice Ohio, Ohio's only organization promoting the protection and expansion of school choice throughout the state, applauds Representative Matt Huffman's (R-Lima) work on House Bill 136 to expand eligibility for school choice in Ohio.

"The changes offered today by Representative Huffman are aimed at fulfilling the goal of school choice reform, which is giving more families more choices in the educational opportunities of their children," said School Choice Ohio Legislative Director Jason Warner. "The goal of this legislation has always been to expand school choice options to more Ohio families and these new adjustments do just that."

"Thousands of Ohio families are anxiously waiting for this scholarship program so their children can finally have access to a high quality education that best meets their learning needs. It is crucial that the House of Representatives keep these families in mind as they consider this bill for passage.

"With this new proposal, parents of school age children will now have an opportunity to choose an effective education program that best meets their needs rather than conforming to a one-size-fits-all model.

"More options in education are good for our children, good for our schools and good for Ohio.

"We applaud Representative Huffman for his unwavering commitment to Ohio students and his willingness to stand up for their right to a high quality education, regardless of their zip code or their family's income."

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***School Choice Ohio** (SCO) is committed to the goal of every child in Ohio having access to a quality education. House Bill 136 will expand school choice to the state's most vulnerable families and will give them hope that their children will have the opportunity to receive an education in an environment where they can thrive. SCO believes that all parents should have the opportunity to choose which school is best for their children, regardless of their income level.*