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## **Commission Approves \$496 Million in School Construction Projects**

**July 9, 2015 (Columbus)** – The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) today approved over \$193 million in state funding for school construction projects in 9 school districts across the Buckeye state. Combined with \$303 million in local funding, these projects represent more than \$496 million in construction work.

"This is a critical step in ensuring that our children are in new or renovated facilities that help support academic achievement," said OSFC Executive Director David Chovan. He went on to add that, "There is also a significant economic impact attached to today's Commission action – the construction work generated by this project could translate into both job opportunities for local residents and increased purchases of goods and services from local businesses."

The funding awards are contingent upon State Controlling Board approval. School districts must raise their local share of the project budget within 13 months before the state funding can be released. Districts that fail to acquire their funding in that period are considered "lapsed" but can still participate in OSFC programs once they obtain local funding. Two (2) of the districts funded at the meeting – Ayersville Local (Defiance County) and Lake Local (Stark County) – were districts that had previously lapsed funding, but have since raised their local shares.

### **About OSFC**

Established in 1997, the Commission is responsible for administration of the state's school construction and renovation program. The Commission is currently working with, or has completed all necessary work in, nearly two-thirds of the state's 613 school districts and has opened over 1,100 new or renovated facilities. With over 200 sustainable buildings certified, the Commission is also a national leader in the use of environmentally-friendly design practices that enhance savings in operational costs

As of September 10, 2012, the Commission was consolidated with the Office of the State Architect to form the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. The Ohio School Facilities Commission continues to exist as

a separate commission within the new agency, focusing on funding Ohio’s comprehensive K-12 school construction program.

*(Editors/Reporters: Please see chart for individual district information.)*

<b>Ohio School Facilities Commission Funded Districts – July 9, 2015</b>				
<b>District</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State Share</b>	<b>Local Share</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>
Ayersville Local	Defiance	\$20,291,730	\$9,994,434	\$30,286,164
Champion Local	Trumbull	\$17,552,720	\$13,791,422	\$31,344,142
Chillicothe City	Ross	\$25,687,894	\$21,017,367	\$46,705,261
Cuyahoga Falls City	Summit	\$22,477,820	\$60,773,367	\$83,251,187
Firelands Local	Lorain	\$6,238,379	\$26,595,193	\$32,833,572
Lake Local	Stark	\$42,034,217	\$47,400,287	\$89,434,504
Poland Local	Mahoning	\$7,143,557	\$30,454,109	\$37,597,666
Reading Community City	Hamilton	\$27,525,097	\$23,447,304	\$50,972,401
Southwest Local	Hamilton	\$24,524,108	\$69,799,383	\$94,323,491