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## **Senator Schiavoni Introduces Legislation to Protect Ohio's Highest-Achieving Schools**

*Bill would keep students from enrolling in under-performing community schools*

*Columbus* – State Senator Joe Schiavoni (D-Canfield) introduced today legislation that would prevent a low-achieving community school from gaining additional taxpayer funds by enrolling students who are residents of a better performing public school.

“While choice in education can be beneficial, providing our children with the best education is most important,” said Senator Schiavoni. “In difficult economic times, there should be no reason for high performing schools to lose additional state funding to underperforming community schools. Schools that consistently receive failing grades and provide a sub-standard education should not be rewarded with more taxpayer money.”

The bill would prohibit a community school from admitting a student from the school district where it is located if the student’s assigned school of residence has a better performance rate.

Senator Schiavoni has also introduced Senate Bill 174 that would allow cash-strapped school districts to use advertising on busses as a stream of revenue.

“As legislators, we need to provide our schools with options so that they can continue to offer our children the best education possible,” said Senator Schiavoni. “Many of our schools are facing devastating cuts and this one way to help alleviate some of the pain.”

The legislation as written would prohibit advertisements for tobacco, alcohol, gambling, anything of a sexual nature, or anything pertaining to an election, candidate for public

office or ballot question.