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Report Card Analysis Part II — Achievement Gap Persists

COLUMBUS — Released today was Part II of an expert's analysis of the state's school district report card data the Ohio Department of Education recently made available. As in Part I, released Jan. 20, results indicate significant achievement disparities between economically disadvantaged students and their peers.

Three statewide education management organizations — the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) — requested the study through the Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI). Dr. Howard Fleeter, OEPI consultant, prepared the report card data analysis.

See the attached report and accompanying graphs for more information.

OSBA, BASA and OASBO will urge lawmakers to take action on this issue. Spokespersons for the groups say the new report card data is just one more piece of evidence pointing to the need for innovative solutions that go beyond the classroom.

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