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School Funding Workgroup: Technology Subcommittee

Good Morning CO-Chairmen Cupp and Patterson and other members of the Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education. My name is Cajon Keeton and I am the Treasurer for the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District and I have had the opportunity to serve on the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup for school funding subcommittee on Technology.

The current school funding formula does not address the technology needs of the students in this state. We live in an MP3 world and our current funding formula is like a vinyl record. School districts are preparing students for the workforce of tomorrow and all of the technology that is in it. It is time the we have a funding formula that addresses the essential technology needs within the classroom.

The MCOECN (Ohio Education Computer Network) has been an incredible resource to our subcommittee. Providing data from the 18 ITC's in the state of Ohio that provides technology services to nearly all Ohio school districts.

The Education Superhighway is a national foundation that provides valuable data and standards to schools in terms in technology access throughout America. It is with great pride that I report that Ohio has 99% of their schools meeting their current standard of 100 kbps per student. The new standard from the Education Superhighway will be 1 mbps per student.

Having faster internet speed is only part of the equation. We need to provide our school districts and our students with both the ability to connect to the internet and by also providing the device to allow this access to the resources they will need to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The new formula will fund a total of \$68.50 per student to fund a student device, maintenance and replacement of wireless access points and network switches, and assistance to provide essential third party functions for student services software, fiscal software, EMIS support, InfoOhio, and the internet.

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