



Diocese  
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Cleveland

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OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**TO: All Pastors, Elementary and Secondary Presidents, Principals  
and Business Managers**

**DATE: December 20, 2010**

**Alert**

**FROM: Margaret Lyons, Secretary for Education/Superintendent  
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland +++ Office of Catholic Education**

**RE: TAX CREDIT COMMUNICATION**

The following notes are a summary of a larger communication sent to Ohio Diocesan Superintendents by Larry Keough of the Catholic Conference of Ohio. 12-17-2010

**TAX CREDIT BILL-Rep. Kris Jordan**

Many and possibly all of you have received communications asking to support a tax credit bill and/or express gratitude to the bill sponsor. House bill 610, tax credit scholarship legislation, sponsored by Rep. Kris Jordan, who primarily represents Delaware, Powell and Westerville, is pending in the House during the so called lame duck session. Rep. Jordan, who will be moving over to the Senate, intends to re-file the bill early-on in the new year.

**TAX CREDIT BILL-Rep. Matt Huffman**

This legislation will be discussed with the six Ohio Superintendents in early January 2011 within the context of a larger school-choice development that Rep. Matt Huffman, who represents the Lima area within the Diocese of Toledo., is leading. Rep. Huffman, who is in House leadership as the Majority Floor Leader, convened a meeting this week to discuss an aggressive school-choice plan.

**How do the Ohio Diocese Move Forward?**

Once we discuss these dynamics and fully understand Rep. Huffman's vision and whether that vision includes Rep. Jordan's bill, then we can assess how to best move forward.

**STAY TUNED TO THE OHIO ADVOCACY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE**

Larry Keough is currently drafting a communication to be posted on our OACS page within the Conference's website in the new year as an overview of our legislative priorities in education, the bills that are relevant to our advocacy and which legislators to thank in the weeks ahead.

**We will be thanking legislators and offering support for specific bills.**

**Thus, our communications to express gratitude and support is not a question of "if," it is a question of "when."**

Larry

**Principals, please share with your pastors/ and/or business managers.**