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**MAYOR FINKBEINER ASKS FOR SUPPORT OF SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING**

Toledo, Ohio - Below is text of a letter Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and Toledo Public Schools Superintendent John Foley sent today, Monday July 14, 2008 to Executive Director Michael Shoemaker of the Ohio School Facilities Commission. The letter asks the Ohio School Facilities Commission to work with the District and the City of Toledo in maintaining the Scott High School building.

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Michael Shoemaker
Executive Director
Ohio School Facilities Commission
10 West Broad Street
Suite 1400
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

As we prepare to finalize the last segment of our Ohio Schools Facilities Commission projects, Toledo Public Schools is faced with the daunting challenge of determining the future of Scott High School.

The passion shown from the school's alumni and members of our community runs high. These groups have joined forces and are persistent in their efforts to save this historic, near downtown school. As you are well aware, the gaps between the OSFC cost estimates and the districts locally funded initiative budget are also high.

The Board of Education wants to make a careful and deliberate decision about Scott High School based on the needs of our students, as well as the concerns for the budget and the overall goals of a school district that operates more than 60 schools and program sites. We realize that you are responsible for thousands of projects across the state but we ask that you grant us as much latitude as possible to assist the District, and the City of Toledo, in maintaining a building that is dear to many citizens, whether they attended Scott High School or simply because they value the building's historic qualities.

Possible exceptions we ask you to consider include:

- consideration of the use or recalculation of square footage formulas,
- potential additional co-funding options,
- renovations that do not include all spaces, or
- a deadline extension without the penalty of student and project dollar losses.

The Toledo Public Schools and the City of Toledo ask for your continued support to provide special considerations as we work together to explore the funding levels and needs of the renovation of this building. We realize that in this final segment critical issues of timing and enrollment are intertwined. We

are faced with a deadline of accepting Segment Five or face losing student population even though the school has changed the pattern of student loss and continues to aggressively recruit and retain students.

Hopefully, as we approach this final segment of the Building for Success program our efforts will be remembered as positive accomplishments for the students and our community. The Scott High School project must be one we can all be equally proud to complete.

Sincerely,

John Foley
Superintendent
Toledo Public Schools

Carty Finkbeiner
Mayor
City of Toledo

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