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Science and Mathematics Education Policy Advisory Council to release final report and recommendations *SAMEPAC to call for action to support Ohio's economic growth and make high-level mathematics and science courses available to all students*

The Science and Mathematics Education Policy Advisory Council (SAMEPAC) will release its final report and recommendations on **Monday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m.** The group's policy recommendations will be presented to the Ohio Board of Regents, Ohio Department of Education and Governor Strickland's Office at the **Center of Science and Industry (COSI)** in Columbus. The presentation and media briefing will be hosted by Council co-chairs Julian M. Earls and Karen A. Holbrook.

According to the Advisory Council, the future prosperity and well-being of our state and its citizens depend on how well we educate our children and youth. The success of Ohio businesses in the innovation-based global economy demands that they have workers with advanced thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills. In simple terms, Ohio's future will be defined by its citizens' ability to "think for a living."

WHAT: Release of SAMEPAC's Final Report and Recommendations

WHEN: Monday, February 19, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Release of the Final Report and media briefing

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Discussion of the SAMEPAC recommendations
and strategies to turn them into action

WHERE: Center of Science and Industry (COSI)

333 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215

WHO: Julian M. Earls, executive-in-residence, Nance School of Business at Cleveland

State University, and retired director of the NASA Glenn Research Center, Cleveland

Karen A. Holbrook, president of The Ohio State University.

Representatives from the Governor's Office, Ohio Board of Regents and Ohio
Department of Education

Representatives of numerous education, business and other science and mathematics
stakeholder organizations

SAMEPAC members and guests

The Science and Mathematics Education Policy Advisory Council (SAMEPAC) was commissioned in 2005 by the Ohio Board of Regents, Ohio Department of Education and Governor's Office to make policy recommendations on improvements in the P-16 education system in the state. **SAMEPAC** consists of 23 Ohioans from all regions of the state, representing a variety of professions, disciplines and points of view. Its members are educators (including teacher educators), leaders of business and industry, entrepreneurs, engineers, public officials and parents.