OMSC Statement Supporting the US Department of Education

The Ohio Mathematics and Science Coalition (OMSC) – a non-partisan advocacy group dedicated to the sustainable and continuous improvement of mathematics and science education in Ohio – champions nationally supported data-based research to assess and strengthen education in prekindergarten through Grade 16. The OMSC recognizes the importance of the work of the U.S. Department of Education and advocates for national support to help create fair, informed, and effective learning environments for all students.

To help all students succeed in today's global economy, the OMSC advocates for continued federal funding for education, data acquisition, and research, including testing, analyzing the results, and sharing the information. National assessment and research make it possible to compare the effectiveness of U.S. education internally and with that of other countries as well as give states and local communities helpful information to create stronger, more effective educational programs that meet their students' needs. For the benefit of Ohio's students and our hard-working teachers, we call upon our elected leaders to take action to preserve the core functions of the USDOE and maintain its funding levels to the extent possible. The OMSC believes that research-based programs supported by reliable data are key to improving schools and preparing students for the future.