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THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS HOSTS OHIO EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE *Ohio Mayors to Discuss School Financing*

Washington, D.C. – For the third time in twelve months, The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) President and Akron (OH) Mayor Don Plusquellic will lead a group of urban mayors from Ohio in a roundtable on the mayoral role in education. As part the Conference's *Mayors' Initiative for Leadership in Education* (MILE), this session will provide mayors from several Ohio cities an opportunity to focus on one of the most critical issues facing urban America -- school finance and its impact on education.

The Ohio Mayor's Education Roundtable is the only one of its kind that brings together mayors of a single state for a series of discussions concerning public education. It is made possible by grants to USCM from several Ohio foundations including: The KnowledgeWorks Foundation, The Cleveland Foundation, The Gund Foundation and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

WHO: USCM President Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic
Toledo Mayor Jack Ford
Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell
Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman
Dayton Mayor Rhine L. McLin
East Cleveland Mayor Saratha Goggins
Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland
University Heights Mayor Beryl Rothschild
Paolo DeMaria, Ohio State Department of Education
John Myers, Augenblick, Palaich and Associates

WHAT: Ohio Mayors' Education Roundtable (closed to media)

WHEN: Thursday, March 10, 2005
9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Ballroom One
(B-Roll Availability 9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.)

Press Conference
2:30 p.m.
Eagle Point Room

WHERE: Radisson Hotel Toledo
Ballroom One
101 North Summit Street
(419) 241-3000

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.