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For Immediate Release:

**East Cleveland Education Association Celebrates their locally elected School Board**

**East Cleveland, OH:** The East Cleveland Education Association (ECEA) is one of Ohio's three School Districts that has lived under the archaic House Bill 70 for the past several years. The ECEA was thrilled when current Ohio legislators recently included a provision in the State Budget Bill (HB 110) removing the restrictions of HB 70. To celebrate, the ECEA is hosting a party to welcome their School Board back into a position of local control!

The ECEA has been working without a contract for over a year. The goal of the ECEA is to work with the Board—get a contract and return East Cleveland Public Schools to the people of East Cleveland.

"With our locally elected school board again making decisions about the education of our East Cleveland students the ECEA is hopeful that together we can move the district to the place it should be. Under HB 70 our school district has experienced little collaboration due to the top-down management approach of the CEO. We welcome collaborating with the elected school board to provide innovative educationally sound and challenging opportunities for our students. We are so proud of East Cleveland students, and we believe in who they are and what they can accomplish in this world! We are grateful to the Ohio legislatures and the Governor for recognizing that local control of our schools needed to be restored," stated Lillian Tolbert, ECEA President.

Please join us on August 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Shaw High School parking lot to celebrate our locally elected school board. We will also be celebrating the return of our local voices to the conversation regarding our schools.

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*The ECEA is an affiliate of the Ohio Education Association and the National Education Association. The ECEA represents approximately 150 full time educators in the East Cleveland City School District.*

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