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OCSEA Responds to Governor DeWine's Executive Order on Remote Work

(Westerville)- OCSEA President Chris Mabe released the following statement today in response to Gov. Mike DeWine signing an executive order to end remote and hybrid work for state employees represented by the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association. OCSEA is the largest state employee union.

"We are reviewing Governor DeWine's executive order to determine how it impacts our collective bargaining agreement. In the meantime, everyone should know how telework has benefited not only state employees but the citizens of Ohio. Remote work has cut costs by reducing expenses for office space, utilities and maintenance. Now the state may have to spend tax dollars to acquire office space it no longer owns or leases.

"The evidence is clear that telework has been a major asset in building a strong and diverse workforce by enhancing the state's ability to attract and retain top talent. It has enabled state employees to live and work in every part of Ohio without the need to move to Columbus or have long commutes. A remote workforce can also maintain essential services without interruption during natural disasters or other emergencies. The consequences of this executive order should be fully considered."

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