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**OCC WILL ASSIST FRONTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT
WITH FUND TO FIGHT OSFC OVER POOR WORK**

The Board of the Ohio Construction Coalition during its Aug. 3 meeting overwhelmingly approved a plan to help establish and make contributions to a community fund to help the embattled Frontier School District in southeast Ohio take on the Ohio School Facilities Commission. As has been reported in the local media – most notably The Marietta Times – the OSFC-sponsored construction of schools in the Frontier district has been wrought with an overwhelming and unacceptable amount of problems and shortcomings.

OCC investigator Al Adams recently told The Marietta Times, “I’ve seen a lot of schools and these are definitely the worst looking schools I’ve ever seen. ... I think the feeling is that here’s this little school district tucked into the river and we’re just going to ignore it.”

Al also reports that the OSFC attempted to have the district sign a Subrogation Assignment Agreement to keep the OSFC safe from district backlash and to surrender the district’s rights to have all the poor work corrected – but reportedly the district refused to sign it.

School officials have indicated that they would like to sue the OSFC and its contractors for the ongoing problems with the construction work – but they do not have the money to do so.

The OCC has already made a commitment to contribute to the fund; member organizations that also have already made commitments to contribute to the fund include the **Northwest Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council**; the **Greater Cincinnati Building & Construction Trades Council**; the **Lake Erie Electrical Labor-Management Cooperation Committee**; and **Sheet Metal Workers Local 33**.

Contact OCC co-chair Bill Brennan at 419-241-3601 to make your commitment to help!

The media stories on the Frontier Schools problems are available on the OCC Web site, www.ohioconstructioncoalition.org, in the “School Construction” section.

To **report any school construction problems and successes** in your area, contact Calvin Jefferson at info@ohioconstructioncoalition.org or 1-888-445-8255.

The OCC asks that all those interested in the welfare of the state’s construction industry contact their local senators and representatives to make sure they have received and reviewed the OCC’s Prevailing Wage booklet! For copies of the booklet and more information, contact Calvin Jefferson at info@ohioconstructioncoalition.org or 1-888-445-8255. (An electronic version is available on the OCC Web site, www.ohioconstructioncoalition.org, that can be printed whenever needed.)

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