## **Ohio Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council**

Whereas community schools that are designated as dropout prevention and recovery schools are public schools; and

Whereas dropout recovery community school students must meet the same graduation requirements and take the same state assessments as all other public school students; and

Whereas the Governor's Merit Scholarship requirements are established by the Department of Higher Education, and discriminate against graduates of dropout recovery community schools, requiring submission of ACT and SAT scores rather than awarding graduates in the top 5% of their graduating classes a scholarship;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council respectfully requests that the Ohio General Assembly clarify the eligibility requirements for awarding the Governor's Merit Scholarship to ensure that awards are made fairly and that all public school graduates meet the same eligibility requirements.

Resolution Adopted March 13, 2025

∕John Hagan, Chair

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