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Where We Stand programs on PBS 45 & 49 to examine Ohio's education successes and challenges

Programs to air on Monday, Sept. 15 beginning at 9 p.m.

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KENT, Ohio — Sept. 12, 2008 — On Monday, Sept. 15 beginning at 9 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49, Ohio will be the focus of national and local programming about education.

At 9 p.m., the national program **Where We Stand: America's Schools in the 21st Century** will introduce Ohio students, parents, teachers and administrators whose stories illustrate the overwhelming odds and shining successes of education in America. The schools in the spotlight are Pleasant Hill Elementary School in Cincinnati, Olentangy High School and Metro High School in Columbus and secondary schools in rural Belpre. Topics covered include teacher training, measuring student progress and preparing students for the future.

At 10 p.m., the PBS 45 & 49 production **Where We Stand in Northeast Ohio** will bring the discussion even closer to home through a conversation with these area education leaders:

- Ellen McWilliams, assistant superintendent, Akron Public Schools
- Debra Mettee, superintendent, Springfield Local School District, New Middletown
- Sandy Womack, director of school improvement and a school principal, Canton City Schools
- Anna Marie Vaughn, superintendent, Columbiana County Educational Service Center

The host of **Where We Stand in Northeast Ohio** is news reporter Cynthia Barnes. The half-hour program discusses preparing students to succeed in a global economy, mentoring teachers and partnering with parents and business leaders.

About PBS 45 & 49

PBS 45 & 49 (soon to be Western Reserve Public Media) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, PBS 45 & 49 uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. The only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio, PBS 45 & 49 is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. Through funding from eTech Ohio, the organization provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about PBS 45 & 49, visit www.pbs4549.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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