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Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Endorses CMSD Renewal Levy

CLEVELAND – October 7, 2016 – The Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) voted unanimously at its September meeting to endorse Issue 108, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) renewal operating levy, which will appear on the ballot in November.

“We offered our support in 2012 and are pleased to once again support the District for the renewal of this critical levy,” said CMBA President Richard D. Manoloff. “When it comes to the education of the children of our community, the stakes are huge for society at large, for the local economy, and, most of all, for the students, for their realities, for their dreams.”

The CMBA has partnered with the CMSD on a number of programs over the years, most notably The 3Rs Program which just celebrated its 10th anniversary. The 3Rs – Rights • Responsibilities • Realities is an unprecedented, award-winning program that sends hundreds of volunteers from the legal community – lawyers, judges, paralegals and law students – into U.S. Government classes in the Cleveland Metropolitan and East Cleveland City High Schools each year. The 3Rs Program is designed to help students better understand the U.S. Constitution and our justice system, to help them prepare for the end-of-course exams required to graduate, and to assist students to focus on developing a plan for life after high school graduation.

“Our endorsement is an extension of our ongoing partnership with the District. We have been hard at work in and outside of the classrooms with our 3Rs program, mock trial competitions and other programs that serve and give back to our youth,” added Manoloff. “Through the 3Rs alone, more than 30,000 students’ lives have been touched by nearly 2,000 volunteers who have stepped up to help the kids of Cleveland succeed. The District has made real progress under the Cleveland Plan and we look forward to further success upon the passage of Issue 108.”

“Plus, our work with CMSD also aligns with our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness within the profession, as well as justice system and community,” added Rebecca Ruppert McMahon, executive director of the CMBA. “It is through our many programs, delivered in collaboration with the District, that we help provide pathways of opportunity for these students. Issue 108 will enable CMSD and its community partners to continue the hard work for and investment in the next generation.”

For more information on Issue 108, please visit www.clevelandmetroschools.org.

About the CMBA

The nonprofit Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association operates as a center for legal professionalism in the region, promoting the highest ethical and professional standards. Serving the largest legal community in the state, the CMBA has nearly 6,000 members. Learn more at www.CleMetroBar.org.

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