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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) has joined in a lawsuit challenging the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Other parties to the lawsuit include the Florida PTA, the Florida Association of School Administrators, the Florida Education Association, the Florida League of Women Voters, the Florida NAACP, and representatives of several religious communities. Below is a statement from Dr. Wayne Blanton, FSBA Executive Director.

“FSBA has long opposed the systematic privatization of education brought by the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. This program lacks academic and fiscal accountability and substantially diminishes state revenue. More important, there is little or no evidence that this program has improved the educational prospects of the vulnerable, low-income students that the program was created to serve. Since its inception, FSBA has tried to work with legislators, the Department of Education, and the Governor in an effort to reshape the program to address these concerns, but to no avail. We have joined in this lawsuit because it has become our only remaining option as FSBA continues to fight to protect the right of every student in Florida to the high quality public education guaranteed by our Constitution.”

For more information about FSBA's position on this issue, please visit the FSBA website at <http://fsba.org/state-government-relations/>.