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NOT FOR PROFIT CHARTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION PROMOTES SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOR STUDENTS IN THE MIDWEST

February 27, 2012 ~ Concept Schools is a not for profit management company that manages 27 tuition-free, college preparatory schools in the Midwest with a math, science and technology emphasis. With 19 schools in Ohio, Concept manages some of the highest performing charter schools: Horizon Science Academies and Noble Academies.

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, Concept Schools will host their Ninth Annual Concept Science and Engineering Fair (CONSEF) featuring almost 500 projects from 46 different public, charter, and private schools representing seven states across the Midwest: Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri. The event will be held in the Woodling Gymnasium at Cleveland State University.

Some additional features of CONSEF include Ohio State Representative Bill Patmon, an influential member of the House Education Committee, who will deliver the keynote speech emphasizing the value of science, math, and technology education. Additionally, the Horizon Science Academy Cleveland High School Band, Color Guard, and Drill Team will perform before the awards ceremony.

This year's science fair will feature an outstanding display of student-led projects in 14 categories that range from Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science and Engineering/Electronics, to Health Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics and Zoology. Students will be awarded in each category.

CONSEF is open to all students, including public, charter, private and home schooled students in grades 5 through 12. Concept aims to promote STEM education in early grades by giving students the chance to present and get recognized for their hard work. Besides awarding high quality projects in different categories, Concept recognizes every participant in various ways including certificates, medals, trophies, and monetary awards. Best of the fair will receive an HP tablet PC, best of the categories will receive \$50 gift cards, and all gold medal winners will

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receive \$30 gift cards. The CONSEF Design Contest winner, whose artwork is on t-shirts and program books, will also be rewarded with a \$250 check.

Additional information may be found on the CONSEF website: www.consef.org.