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Governor proclaims 2008-2009 School Year "ASVAB Career Exploration Program Awareness Year"

Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland recently signed a proclamation recognizing the 2008-2009 school year as "ASVAB Career Exploration Program Awareness Year," calling upon all high schools in Ohio to take advantage of the guidance this program has to offer their students.

The ASVAB, which stands for "Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery" test, provides comprehensive career exploration and planning options for all students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, as well as students in post-secondary schools.

"Many educators consider the ASVAB assessment to be one of the best career exploration programs available, and it doesn't cost the schools a dime," said Sue Jenks, ASVAB Program Manager. "We even bring pencils and paper for the students to use - most other career interest inventories are provided to schools at a cost."

The Department of Defense developed the ASVAB to assist students and their parents in making well-informed educational plans and career choices. The program includes a highly-regarded, multiple-aptitude test battery, an extensive interest inventory and various career planning tools.

"Governor Strickland's endorsement of the ASVAB is a win for all stake-holders," said Sgt. Maj. Scott Hutt, Recruiting and Retention Battalion Sergeant Major for Northeast Ohio. "It should help dispel the myth that the test is only intended for students interested in careers in the armed forces. Actually, only about nine percent of students use the results for military service obligations - the other 91 percent use the results for career exploration."

Results of the aptitude test and the interest inventory enable students to evaluate their skills, estimate performance in academic and vocational endeavors, and identify potentially rewarding careers as they plan further education at university, community college, technical-vocational institutions, military opportunities or immediate employment. In addition, the ASVAB:

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- Illustrates a full spectrum of career opportunities regardless of gender, ethnicity, or ability level.
- Meets the National Career Development Association's and American School Counselors Association's national standards for career guidance programs.
- Is offered free of charge to all public and private secondary and post secondary students.

There is no military obligation of any kind connected with program participation.

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