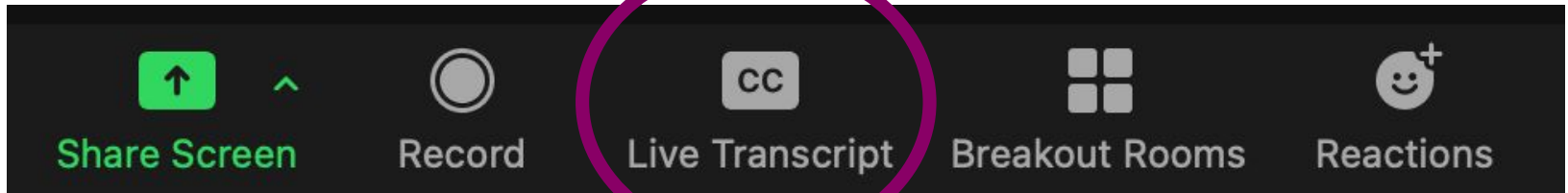


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Funding Ohio Education: All In For Ohio Kids Campaign

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Agenda

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Q&A



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Senate Education Committee Hearing

Tues, Feb 7, 3pm



SB1 Proponent Testimony
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U.S.
Teachers Union Accuses Trump of Bullying Over Pressure to Reopen Schools

BY JACOB JARVIS ON 7/8/20 AT 6:03 AM EDT



President Donald Trump during a roundtable discussion on the Safe Reopening of Americas Schools during the coronavirus pandemic, in the East Room of the White House on July 7, 2020.

JIM WATSON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

ELECTIONS
#OpenOurSchools: GOP targets teachers unions in bid to retake suburbs
Republicans say parents have had it with in-home learning and want their kids back in the classroom.



— A teacher writes a message against the reopening of schools while other Florida teachers, whose unions are against their members returning to school, hold a car parade in front of the DePaul

POLITICS
Republicans unite around a message — schools should reopen, and Democrats are to blame

By David Weigel

February 18, 2021 at 9:38 a.m. EST



News

Ohio's eight urban teachers unions condemn school reopening being used as 'bargaining chip' for vaccines

Updated: Jan. 22, 2021 11:04 a.m. | Published: Jan. 21, 2021 2:00 p.m.



A statement signed by the presidents of the state's eight urban school districts condemns Gov. Mike DeWine's decision to link in-person vaccination with school re-opening. (The Ohio Channel)

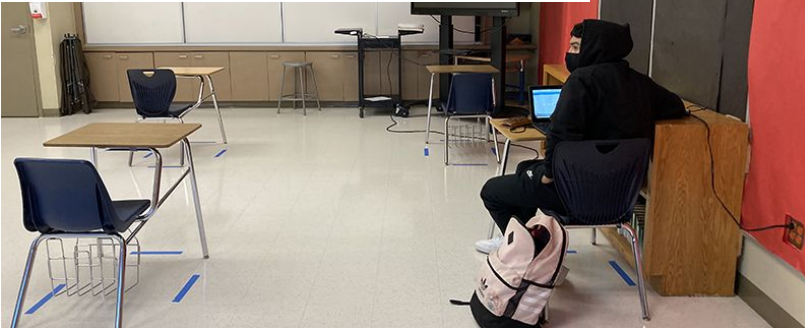
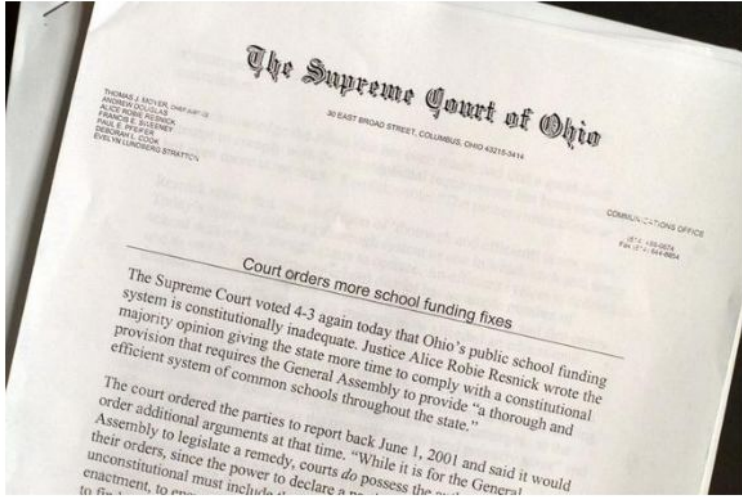
Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine weighs in on Cleveland Teachers Union vote, as district stays firm on March 8 reopening plan

Updated: Mar. 06, 2021, 8:59 a.m. | Published: Mar. 05, 2021, 3:38 p.m.



Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine speaks at the Wolstein Center in downtown Cleveland on March 5, 2021.

Our Problem



- Our school funding system had been broken for a long time. **Over 20 years ago, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that it was unconstitutional.**
- Our schools didn't have the resources they need to provide a world-class education to every kid because they rely on property taxes -- **disadvantaging low income communities and communities of color.**
- Right now, **only 40% of Ohio students go to schools** on par with average national spending.
- The COVID-19 crisis had made **these challenges even more severe**, especially for students of color, low income students and rural students.

Our Solution

The Fair School Funding Plan

- Creates Additional Funding for Kids
- Provides Local Relief From School Levies
- Equitably Fixes the Formula
- Reimagines School Choice
- Establishes Oversight



Our Values Narrative

- Whether we're from cities or the country, suburbs or small towns, **all of us want our kids to go to great schools and follow their dreams.**
- We believe where you live or what you look like shouldn't **determine your opportunities to succeed.**
- We all want **the very best for our students to thrive,** like quality learning resources, world-class infrastructure, and enough well-paid teachers and staff who can take care of all our kids' needs.
- Ohio's future **depends on all our kids getting a great education** - no matter their race, zip code, or family income.







Campaign Strategy & Goals

- **Win Concrete Improvements in the Lives of Ohio Kids**
 - Pass a Fair School Funding Formula and push for COVID-19 dollars to be spent.
 - Set up to future fights to fully fund our schools
- **Grow Our People Power**
 - Build a stronger base and grow our list in our key regions and around Ohio
 - Develop leadership of members and partners
 - Build relationships across community, faith and labor and education groups
 - Align organizing and policy partners for long term power
- **Advance a Race Class Narrative in Ohio about the Role of Public Schools, Revenue & Good Government**
 - Train & develop leaders in storytelling
 - Drive messaging to targeted voters in key House and Senate districts around Ohio
 - Align state progressive allies to support narrative

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How would your district benefit from the Fair School Funding Plan?

Search to find out.

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All In For Ohio Kids found that Mansfield City Schools lost \$2,274 for every student who attended a private school through a voucher program in 2019.

Ontario Local Schools Treasurer Randy Harvey said he was excited to see the Fair School Funding plan finally pass.

“It’s great. It’s been so many years trying to work through this to get a formula that’s actually fair and workable,” he said. “Hopefully in the years after this it continues to stay in.”

Patton pointed to a new Ohio school funding calculator created by the school group "All in for Ohio Kids." [The calculator](#) allows Ohio parents to type in the name of their school district to determine how much more funding their district would receive if the Fair School Fund Plan became law.

The funding calculator indicated Cleveland Heights schools would receive a projected 203% state budget increase, while Parma schools, which suffered another failed levy last November, would see a projected 49% increase.

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Cleveland Heights-University Heights City (Cuyahoga County)

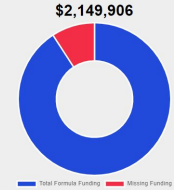
The current state school funding system fails students in different school districts for different reasons, depending on the unique circumstances of each community. You can explore the information below to learn about the **4** major challenges faced by the **Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District**.

With the House-passed version of the **Fair School Funding Plan** fully phased in, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District would receive **\$17,855,087** dollars in state aid in the 2020-2021 school year. That would be an increase of **203%** (or **\$11,964,273**) from what the district would otherwise get.

Band-Aids and patches

Our legislators often apply arbitrary caps to education funding during each budget cycle. As a result, school districts affected by funding caps have difficulty planning, or worse, are forced to increase class sizes or deprive students of the resources they need to succeed.

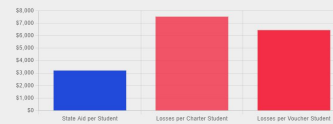
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Funding Cap Impact



Diverted funds

A school district receives money for each student from the state, but when that funding is less than what some students take with them to a privately-run charter school, the district is forced to make up the shortfall. This also applies to private school voucher deductions, which further increase the financial burden on school districts.

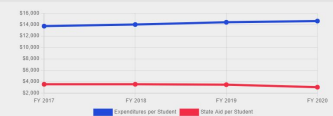
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Funds Diversion



Insufficient state aid

Our elected leaders must make sure funding covers rising education costs. In some communities, state aid does not keep up with the cost of providing our children with a quality education.

Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Per-Student Funding Shortfall

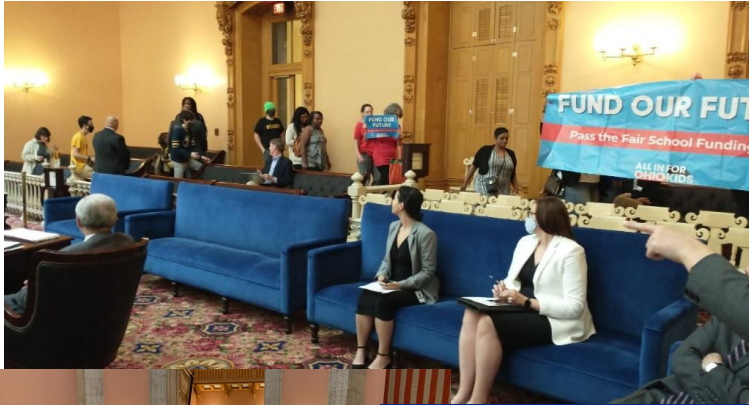


Campaign Tactics

- ✓ **We hosted 4 town halls in key Senate Districts** to engage the broader community & elected officials on the Fair School Funding Plan
 - ☐ Central Ohio, South West Ohio, Northeast Ohio & Lima
- ✓ **Collected thousands of petition signatures** calling on Senate President Matt Huffman to pass the Fair School Funding Plan:
<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/school-funding>
- ✓ **Gave testimony in support of the bill**
- ✓ **Collected stories and got 100+ earned media hits**
- ✓ **Called and sent letters to state legislators.**
- ✓ **Hosted community meetings and trainings** with **hundreds of parents** and community members schools, churches and community organizations.

The Result?

We won (2 yrs) of the Fair School Funding Plan for Ohio's kids!



STATEHOUSE DAY - PRESS ACTION

Next steps...where we go from here?



If we take action, we could finally change the generational crisis.

- ✓ **Sign the petition** calling on Senate President Matt Huffman to fully fund the Fair School Funding Plan: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/school-funding>
- ✓ **Tell your story** so the rest of our community understands why fair school funding matters to you and your family on *vocal video and/or* in the media.
- ✓ **Call or meet with your legislator.** Ask them to pledge to support fully funding schools.
- ✓ **Join a town hall** in your region to engage the broader community & elected officials on the Fair School Funding Plan Dates TBD
- ✓ **Host a community meeting** with parents and community members from your school, congregation or organization.
- ✓ **Power Mapping School Funding in Ohio** - Feb 23rd 7pm via Zoom
- ✓ **Join our statewide organizing meetings** - every other Friday at noon via Zoom

FAQ

- **How would we pay for this?**
 - There are a variety of ways the legislature could fund this formula. We could create \$3b a year for our schools without raising taxes for 97% of Ohioans (and lowering taxes for 13% of low income Ohioans) if we went back to Gov George Voinovich (R) era tax code on the wealthiest earners and implemented a corporate profits tax (Ohio is one of 6 states without this policy).
- **How did we get here? Why are our schools so strapped for cash?**
 - Our formula is tied to property taxes which has kept our students in unequal schools. In 2011 the state cut \$2B from our schools making the crisis even worse and putting more of a burden on local communities.
- **What about the covid cash coming into Ohio?**
 - There are critical gaps that one-time resources from the American Rescue Plan could fill. A new formula with long-term, state committed funding could help us permanently fill those gaps, creating structural, long-term equitable funding for all Ohio kids.
- **What does this mean for rural school districts?**
 - @Tanisha
- **What happened with the bill in the last budget cycle?**
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- **What would this mean for charter schools and private schools that use vouchers?**
 - The bill would benefit all students. It would eliminate the current system that takes resources from some students and gives it to others, ensuring the state provides what students need, regardless of school type.

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Complete the parent survey form: www.bit.ly/aoksurvey

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The Fight for Equity: Fairly and Fully Funding Schools for Our Future

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Ohio's public schools and training centers inspire students' dreams and unlock the potential of Ohioans across race, gender, and zip codes – from the littlest learners to career center students working on their vocational skills. *Ohio's educators are mentors, caregivers, coaches and confidants.*

They deserve to be *treated fairly* and *paid well*.



ALL IN FOR OHIO: Education Budget Recommendations

Policy Recommendations:

Increase school funding for all K-12 students and fix the funding formula so it fairly serves students with low incomes, students of color, and rural students.

Ensure sufficient funding for school nurses, guidance counselors, social workers, art, music and gym teachers in every school.

Provide funding to support classroom sizes small enough that every student can get attention and can learn.

Leave oversight of districts in the hands of local elected school boards. Eliminate the "Academic Distress" commissions and remove unelected officials from oversight of school districts.

Fund a public preschool option for all children of families earning less than 200% of poverty, so three- and four-year old's can get a head start on reading and learning.

Budget Priority 1: Fully Fund the FSFP NOW

- Estimates made during the last budget cycle estimated that fully funding the plan would cost about **\$2 billion per year**.
- The state made progress toward that total in the last budget, but it's time to fulfill the promise of giving every child the kind of education that enables them to live their dreams.
- The state has sufficient revenue due to a budget surplus to make this change. We have the money now to fully fund the FSFP in the next budget.
- Instead of phasing in funding piece by piece year after year, lawmakers should dedicate the funds needed to fully fund right now

Budget
Priority 1:
Fully Fund
the FSFP
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Foundation Funding (Fair School Funding Formula)

1.Small increase from \$6.9 billion in FY 22 to an estimated \$7.1 billion in FY 23. **Additional small increase in GRF appropriation** from \$7.1 billion in FY 23 to \$7.3 billion in FY 24 (**2.4%**) and \$7.5 billion in FY 25 (**2.3%**)

2.Very small relatively flat increase in Lottery Fund appropriation from \$1.3 billion in FY 22, estimated \$1.2 billion in FY 23, to recommended \$1.4 billion in FY 24 (**1.7% increase**) to \$1.3 billion in FY 25 (**0.8% increase**)

3.The issue: The funds are still scheduled to be phased in: FY 22 (\$500 million), FY 23 (estimated) (\$600,000 million), **FY 24 (\$600,000,000 million) and FY 25 (\$600,000,000)**



The Fair School Funding Plan: Why it Matters?

Help to mitigate transportation issues

- Make up for COVID-19 related instructional loss

More resources in schools to address chronic absenteeism and keep kids in school

- Funding to address the Digital divide and its impact on achievement

• Resources, supplies, and support for teachers in schools to provide a quality education to students (could help to prevent instances like the recent CEA Strike)

Increased investment in Public Education to provide quality schools for all students to get the education they need to succeed!

The Fair School Funding Plan: Why it Matters?

State Report Card Data Highlights:

- Reading and Math proficiency scores are down across the state since the 2018-2019 school year
- 2021-2022 school year numbers have begun to rise but we are still below pre-covid levels
 - Reading proficiency is down **19.5%** across the state
 - White students are catching up faster than Black and Brown students
 - For Economically Disadvantaged students: Reading down **19%**, Math down **14%**

The Fair School Funding Plan: Why it Matters?

[State Report Card Data](#) Highlights:

- **Kindergartness Readiness:**
- 8.6% overall increase in the amount of students not-on-track

Percent of Students "Not-on-Track" for Kindergarten by Race 2022

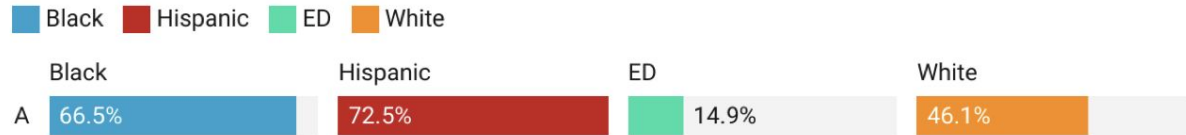


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The Fair School Funding Plan: Why it Matters?

State Report Card Data Highlights:

- **Chronic Absenteeism:** 30% of Ohio students were chronically absent 2021-2022 school year
 - **Black Students:** 50% Chronically Absent
 - **White Students:** 24% Chronically Absent
 - **ED Students:** 44% Chronically Absent
 - **Columbus City School District: 64% Chronically Absent (one of the highest in the state)**

Budget Priority 2: Reduce EdChoice Expansion

Historic EdChoice Expansion:

- -Eligibility up to 400% of FPL (\$110,000 for a family of 4)
- -Increase funding for high quality charter schools
- -Provides an additional 3,000 for ED students
- -Per-pupil facilities for charters from \$500-1000
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In the Proposed Budget:

1.GRF Community Schools and School Choice line item:

-Estimated FY 23 (\$3,659,834 million), Recommended FY 24(\$4,163,267 million)- **13.8% increase**

-FY 24 (\$4,163,267 million) to FY 25 (\$4,232,072 million)- **1.7% increase**



Budget
Priority 2:
Reduce
EdChoice
Expansion

2.GRF Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement (Non-public schools):

-**Continued Increased** since FY 20 (\$62 million), FY 21 (\$68.9 million), FY 22 (\$70.8 million), FY 23 estimate (\$71.7 million), FY 24 (\$73.7 million), FY 25 (\$75.4 million)

3.Lottery Funds Quality Community Schools Line item:

Substantial increases:

-FY 20 and FY 21- \$30 million

-FY 22- \$64 million

-FY 23 estimated \$54 million

-Recommended FY 24 and FY 25- \$125 million **(131.5% increase)**

4.Lottery Funds Community School Facilities line item:

Substantial Increase:

-FY 20 and FY 21-\$20.6 million

-FY 22 and FY 23-\$42 million

-FY 24- \$87 million **(107.3% increase from FY 23)**


-FY 25: \$88.5 million **(1.7% increase from FY 24)**



Budget Priority 4: Reduce Privatization/Voucher Expansion

- Scholarship payments have experienced increases in state foundation funding since 2014. Traditional EdChoice experienced the largest increase from **\$70.4 million in FY 2014** to **\$212.5 million in FY 2022**
- Lawmakers increased total scholarship allocations from **\$395.4 million in fiscal year (FY) 2020** to **\$635.1 million in FY 2022(a \$200 million increase)**
- Since FY 2016 the state has sent close to **\$1 billion to charter schools. Up from close to \$620 million in 2007. These increases are taking away funds that could be used to traditional school districts and the full funding of the FSFP**
- **We want to Protect public schools**, which are the heart of many rural and urban communities by reducing or eliminating transfer payments via expanded voucher programs.

Budget Priority 2: Conduct a Poverty Cost Study for ED students

- Lawmakers have slightly increased Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA), or aid for economically-disadvantaged students, in the 2022-23 state budget from **\$272 to \$422** per student for a total allocation of about **\$620 million**.
 - **House Bill 45**, which recently passed in Ohio's lame duck session, **increased** DPIA funding and made small alterations to the pupil transportation formula, which when combined increased state aid to school districts by an additional **\$48 million for FY 23**.
 - **Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI):**
 - Title 1 and DPIA used to fund supplemental services for economically disadvantaged students.
 - In FY 22, these two funding sources totaled **\$883.76 million (statewide)** with **\$525.8 million from Title 1** and **\$357.96 million from DPIA**.
 - Supporting the continuation of this work and Working with partners to conduct a poverty cost study will ensure the formula can be based on updated costs, particularly for kids in most need.
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The Fair School Funding Plan: Equity

- There is a **history of unequal resources** in Ohio's school system, which affects the lifelong opportunities of many Ohioans.
- Decades of residential segregation, redlining and predatory lending practices have stripped Black communities of wealth, **causing high numbers of Black people to live in blighted neighborhoods with limited community resources.**
- This disadvantages schools in these communities because they heavily rely on local property taxes, **the change in capacity to pay under the FSP offers relief to these districts**



The Fair School Funding Plan: Equity

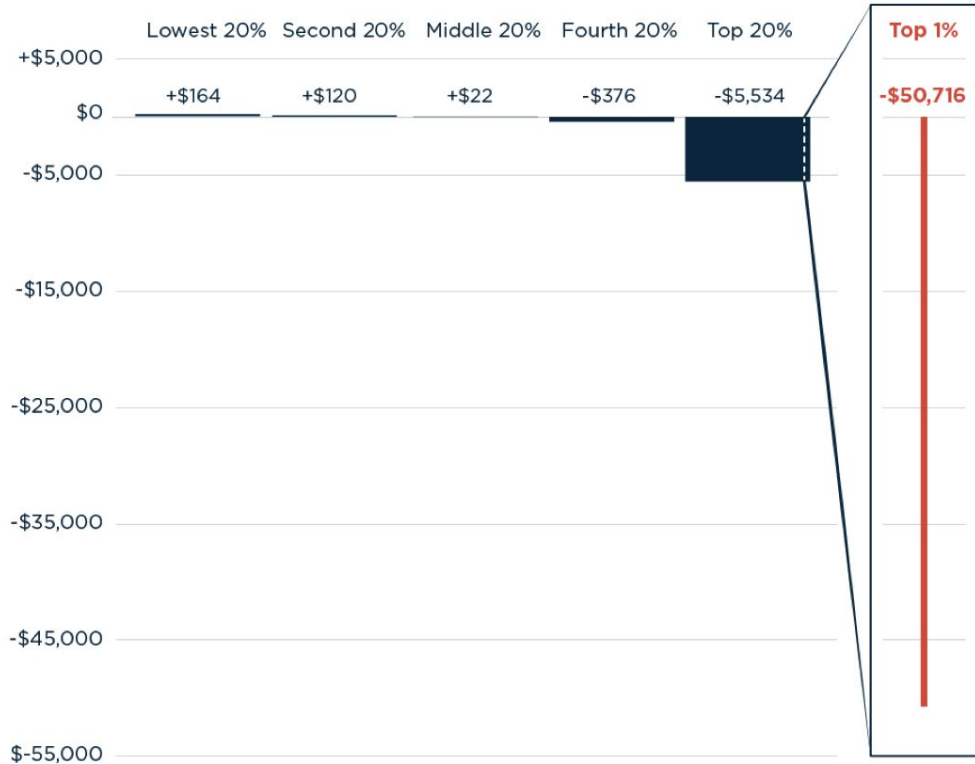


District Name	\$ FSP Increase through 2023	\$ FSP Per Pupil Increase
Columbus City Schools	17,872,584	244.74
East Holmes Local	14,834	9.89
Upper Arlington City	282,147	46.67

Budget Priority

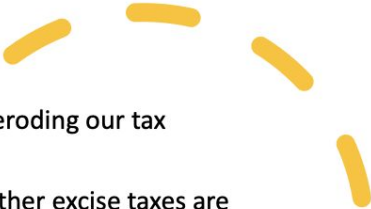
3: Create a Fairer Tax Plan

- Ohio currently has an **upside-down tax system** where the lowest incomes are paying more on avg., while the wealthiest Ohioans are receiving handouts through tax breaks.





Budget Priority 3: Create a Fairer Tax Plan

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- Growing tax abatements and deductions are eroding our tax system
 - Income taxes are going down, but sales and other excise taxes are increasing, which is disproportionately impacting lower-income earners and Black and Brown communities
 - These tax shifts create a state revenue shortfall of about **\$8 billion a year** for the state as whole
 - The revenue lost to the last round of income tax cuts for education is estimated to be **\$1.7 billion**.
 - Together with the new and expanded tax loopholes, in the prior budget the overall tax cuts easily exceed **\$2 billion** needed for kids (**the money it would take to fully fund the FSFP**).

Other Funding Items:

DeWine Proposed:

1. \$174.1 million to improve literacy proficiency of Ohio's students

-Professional development coursework rooted in evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction

-Funds to schools and districts to incorporate the literacy training in their classrooms

2. 100 additional literacy coaches in schools and districts with the lowest reading proficiency and high-quality instructional materials

3. \$15 million in FY 25 to continue high dosage tutoring programs in partnership with colleges, universities, and ESC across the state to ensure students ensure students recover from the impacts of the pandemic



Other Funding Items:

4. GRF Per-Pupil Transportation line item:

Increase from previous budgets

-FY 20 (\$500.2 million) to FY 21 (\$519 million)

-FY 22 (\$605.2 million) to FY 23 estimated (\$680.6 million)

-FY 24 (\$740.1 million) **(8.7% increase from last budget)**

-FY 25 (\$794.6 million) **(7.4% increase from FY 24)**

5. GRF School-Based Health Care line item:

New Line item appropriations

FY 24 and FY 25 **(\$7.5 million for both years)**

6. GRF School Resource Officers line item:

1. New line item recommendation for FY 24 and FY 25 **(\$194.5 million for both years) \$338 million over 2 years**





Data for Progress and State Revenue Alliance Ohio Poll

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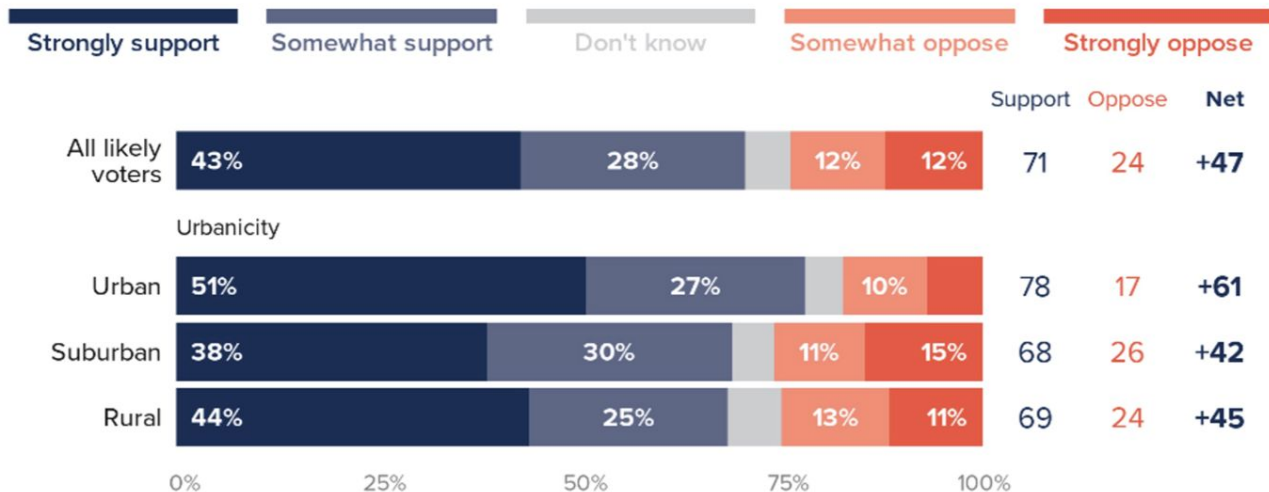
Methodology

From September 23 to 30, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of **1,387 likely voters in Ohio** using SMS and web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

Voters in Ohio Support Creating a New Tax Bracket to Increase Tax Rates on the Wealthy

In 2021, state lawmakers passed a budget that eliminated Ohio's top income bracket, reducing the amount of tax paid by high earners making more than \$220,300.

Would you support a new bracket on people making over \$250,000 and another bracket that increases tax rates on people making over \$500,000?



- Voters support creating a new tax bracket for high-earners **by a +47-point margin**
- We find overwhelming support for creating a new tax bracket across urbanicity, with particular strong support among **78 percent of urban voters**

September 23–30, 2022 survey of 1,387 likely voters

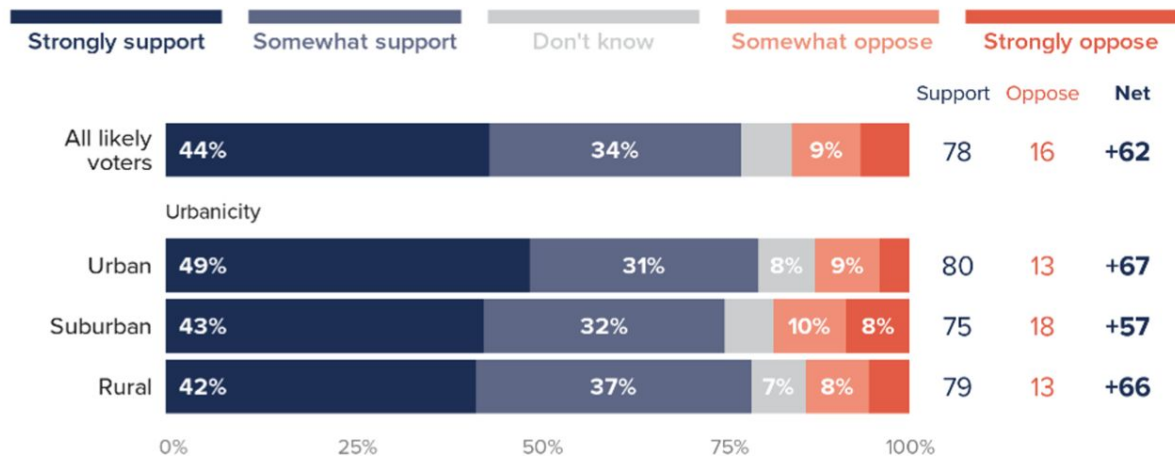
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Three-Quarters of Voters in Ohio Support the Fair School Funding Plan

The Fair School Funding Plan, passed in 2021 as part of the Ohio state budget, will create funding for all districts. This will allocate more funding to communities that have been under-funded.

Do you support or oppose the Fair School Funding Plan?



September 23–30, 2022 survey of 1,387 likely voters

DATA FOR PROGRESS

- **Seventy-eight percent of voters support the Fair School Funding Plan** which will create funding for all districts and allocate more funding to communities that have been underfunded
- This proposal is enthusiastically supported across urbanicity – with at least **75 percent of urban, suburban and rural voters** in support

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- Please Be on the lookout for my K-12 Funding report in February



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