

Fair School Funding Plan

State Budget Campaign 2025

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Fund Our Future!

Special thanks to all of our Fair School Funding Plan coalition partners!



WHO ARE WE?

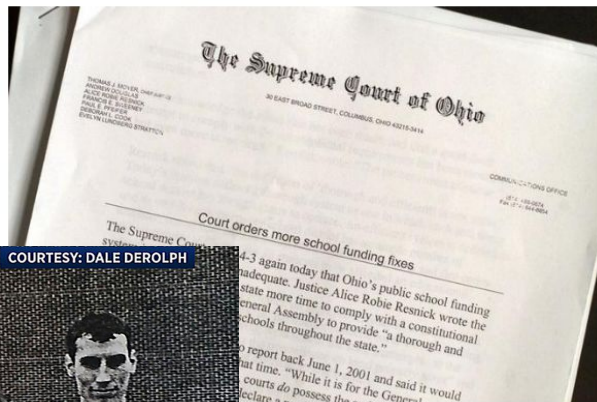
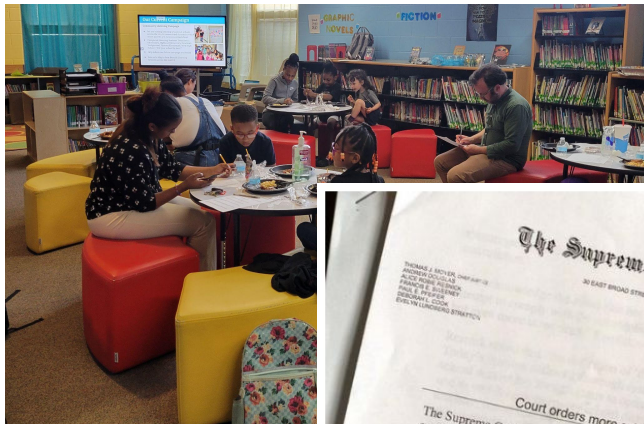
We are a coalition fighting for fair school funding for all Ohio students. Uniting parents, teachers, community members all over Ohio together for our schools!



THE OHIO CONSTITUTION

*The General Assembly shall make such provisions, by taxation, or otherwise, as, with the income arising from the school trust fund, will secure **a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state**; but no religious or other sect, or sects, shall ever have any exclusive right to, or control of, any part of the school funds of this state.*

OUR PROBLEM



COURTESY: DALE DEROLPH



- For a long time, lawmakers didn't follow the constitution. **The Ohio Supreme Court said so FOUR TIMES!**
- Ohio school funding relies heavily on property taxes - disadvantaging communities with low property values – **disproportionately harming Black & brown districts, rural areas, people with low incomes.**
- Amid rising property values, voters are fatigued. **Half of school levies failed last fall.**
- Huffman & his allies have expanded vouchers, **costing \$1 Billion and want to do more.**

OUR SOLUTION

Fully Fund the Fair School Funding Plan:

- **No more guesswork:** Requires the state to fund the schools based on the actual cost of educating children.
- **Targets dollars where they're needed:** The plan helps all kids, but prioritizes the most in need – like disadvantaged communities and kids with special needs.
- **Provides local relief:** Reduces the need for local levies.



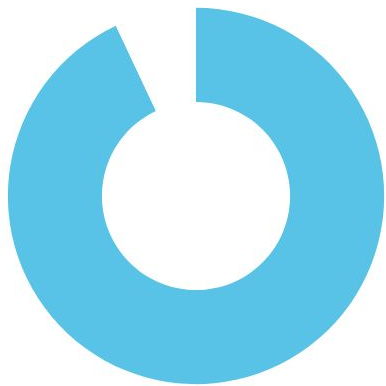
DeWine State Budget

- Gov. DeWine's budget cuts public school funding by \$103 million – \$95 million in cuts to special ed.
- It included phasing in the fair school funding, but did not update the base costs.
- No updates for special needs, disadvantaged students, English Language learners.
- Start to phase out school funding guarantees



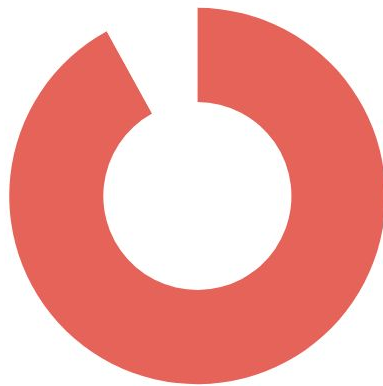
Ohio's Fair School Funding Plan

Foundation Funding



\$8,107,037,583

FY25 Foundation Funding
66% phase in



\$ 8,086,253,884

Executive Budget Proposal for FY26
full phase in, not updating inputs

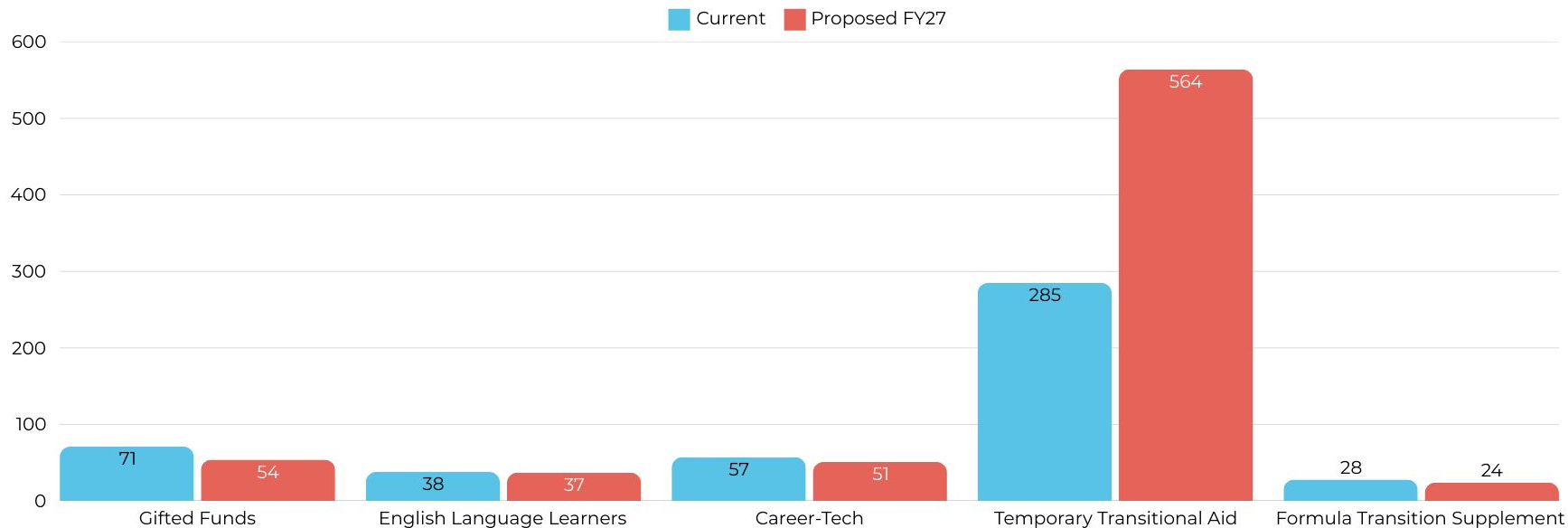


+ \$tbd

FY 26 Funding with updated
inputs and full phase in

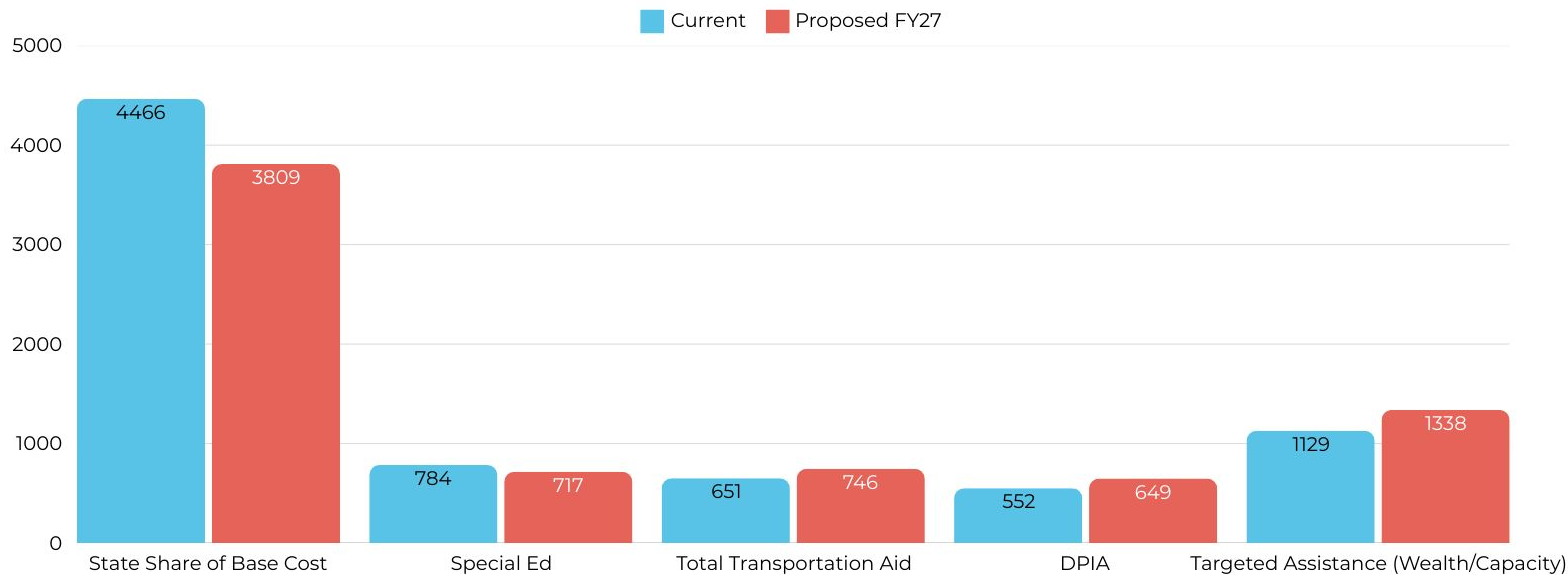
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CUTS IN FY 2026-27

POLICY MATTERS OHIO

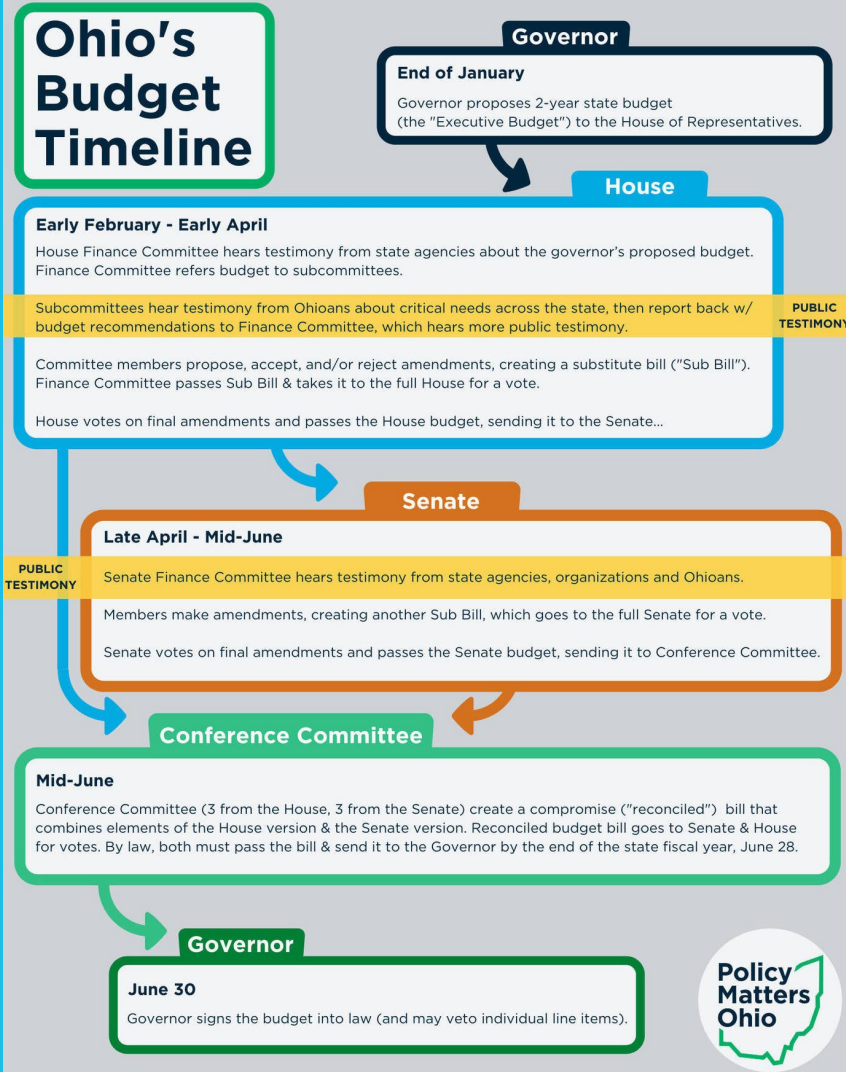
PMO FACT SHEETS

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District	Foundation Funding	Special Education
Lakewood City Schools	-\$2,6526,630	-\$431,443
Loveland City School District	-\$985,375	-\$254,645
Cincinnati City School District	-\$32,391,394	-\$7,628,730
Troy City School District	-\$ 2,358,180	-\$372,925

BUDGET 101

- Governor introduces budget framework to spend state revenue (our tax dollars) **January 31st**
- They have BILLIONS, and it must be balanced.
- **Feb - mid March:** House sessions
- **April - early June:** Senate sessions
- **June** - Conference committee reconciles the two versions of the bill
- Full floor vote by **June 30th**



Power the Movement!

- **We need parents, educators, community members** to speak up for their schools THIS budget cycle!!
- **Represent your schools** at Lobby Day!
- **Bring a team** from your school! Parent groups, PTOs, PTAs, Boosters, Civic groups
- Join with folks from suburbs, small towns, rural area, and cities to join this fight for fair and fully funded schools in Ohio!

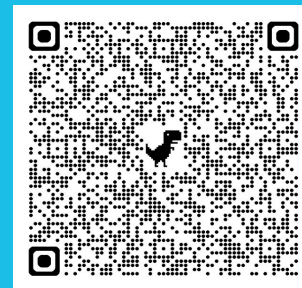


Attend Lobby Day



March 18 in Columbus

Monthly Parent Meetings



March 20 @ 7 Zoom

Write Your Lawmakers

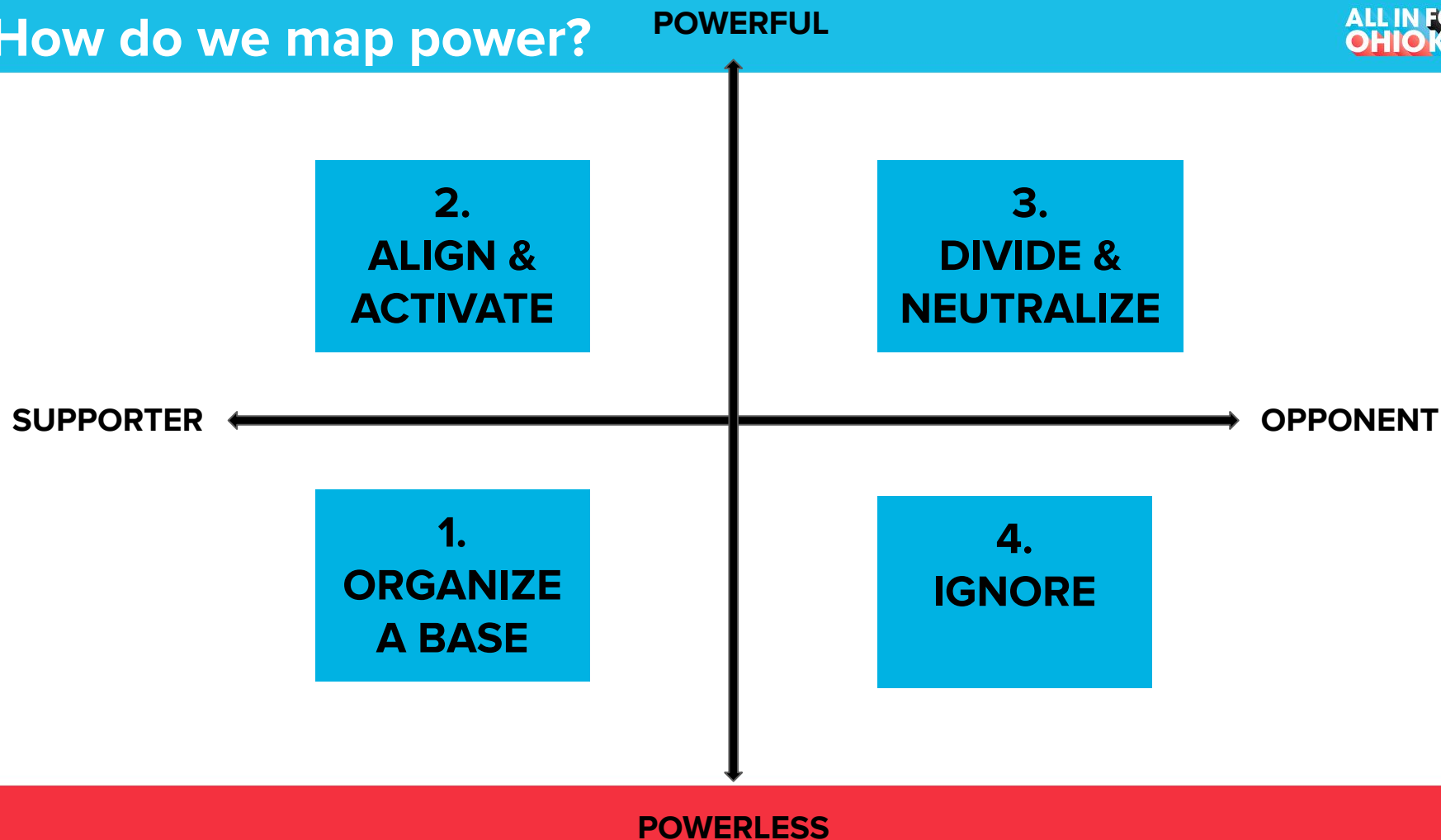


Call to Action Kit



*3 more chances to testify:
3/11, 3/12 & 3/13 – all at 1030am*

How do we map power?





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of School
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Officials

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Public Policy. Engagement. Education.



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Ohio's Superintendent Association



Speaker of House
Matt Huffman

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OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



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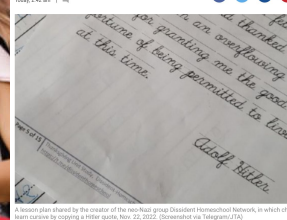
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Taught to say 'Sieg Heil':
Ohio-based neo-Nazi
homeschooling network
unmasked

State investigating antisemitic 'Disident Homeschool Network' which gives some 2,600 parents hate-filled resources to rear children into 'wonderful Nazis'

By ANDREW LAPIN
Today 2:42 am · 18



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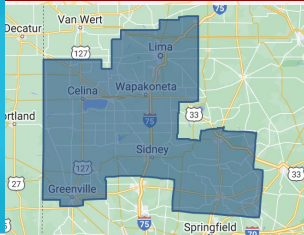


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So who are some of the players on the map?



**Speaker of the House
Matt Huffman**



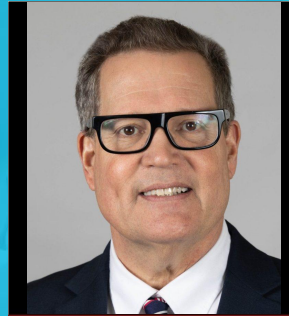
**Speaker of
the House
Lima**



**Sarah Fowler Arthur
District 99 | R**



**Education
Chair
Ashtabula**



**Mike Odioso
District 30 | R**



**Education
Vice Chair
Green Twp**



**Phillip M. Robinson, Jr.
District 19 | D**



**Education
Ranking
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Solon**



**Adam C. Bird
District 63 | R**



**Education
Member
New
Richmond**

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Who's Matt Huffman? The Lima man running the show at the Ohio Statehouse



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Anna Staver

The Columbus Dispatch

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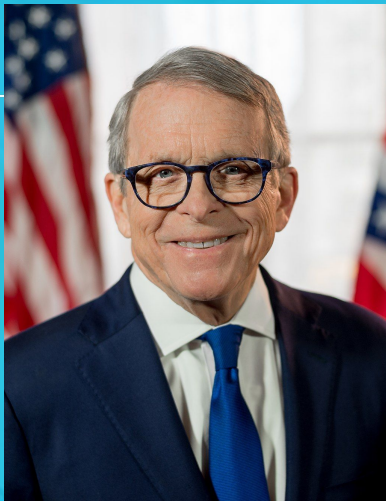
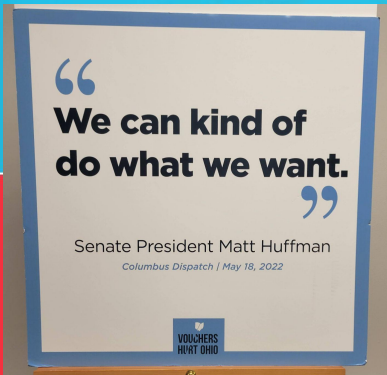
Nothing becomes law in Ohio unless Matt Huffman says so.

Ohio GOP threatens to cut school funding, calling spending 'unsustainable'

By MORGAN TRAU - JANUARY 8, 2025 10:12 AM



Ohio GOP continues with plan to slash public school budget, denounces current funding as 'fantasy'



Governor
Mike Dewine



Lt Governor
Jon Husted

What do you know about your rep?

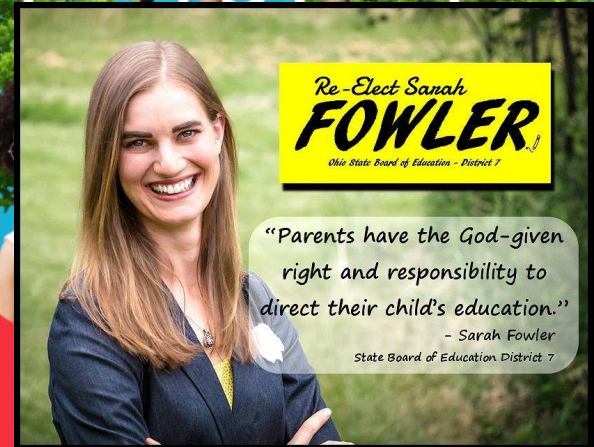
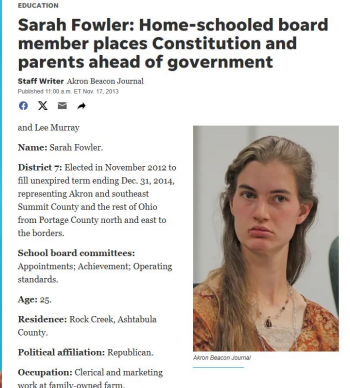
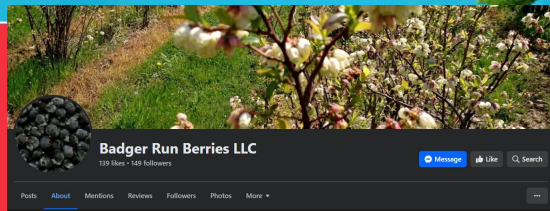


Sarah Fowler Arthur
District 99 | R



Education & Teaching Experience

- First **homeschool graduate** in the nation to serve on a State Board of Education
- **Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)** ministry certification (2006)
- **Teaching sewing, canning and hands-on skills** in the United States & Mexico (2007-2011)
- **Piano teacher** (September 2015-April 2020)



Questions? Reach Out!

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