



ACHIEVEMENT EVERYWHERE

COMMON SENSE FOR OHIO'S CLASSROOMS

MORE FUNDS FOR OHIO'S LOW-WEALTH AND URBAN SCHOOLS

Ohio's low-wealth and urban school districts receive the largest share of Ohio's school funds and more funds per-pupil than high-wealth districts

"This is not hard to figure out: If you are poor, you're going to get more. If you are rich, you're going to get less," Gov. John Kasich, speaking to Ohio's school superintendents,

Under Gov. John Kasich's *Achievement Everywhere* plan, Ohio's low-wealth and urban school districts receive more state aid than high-wealth districts, not only as a portion of Ohio's overall formula funding but also on a per-pupil basis.

Furthermore, given that the governor's plan prioritizes students' needs over buildings, equipment or adult school district employees at a time when many districts are both losing students and enjoying higher property values—all factors which could result in a district receiving less state formula aid than other districts—the fact that the governor's plan *doesn't reduce their funds but instead guarantees them at least the same funding as last year* is a major help to districts.

In this dynamic, it is simply not realistic to envision that most districts would receive more money than last year. Instead, the preservation of historical, formula-distorting funding guarantees actually denies growing or poorer districts the increased funding that they rightfully deserve and need. Immediately providing these funds, and immediately eliminating guarantees, would be destabilizing, however. Such changes must be phased in, and school districts must begin preparing for the eventual transition away from distorting, unsustainable and unfair funding guarantees.

Low-Wealth and Urban Districts Receive the Biggest Portion of Total State Funds

Low-wealth and urban school districts receive a greater portion of the state's formula funds than high-wealth districts. In fact, these districts receive 62.7 percent of all funds the state distributes to school districts through the formula.

Estimated FY2014-15 State Formula Funds by Quintile (Totals)

	Estimated Student Enrollment	FY14 Total Formula Funds	FY14 % of Total State Formula Funds	FY15 Total Formula Funds	FY 15 % of Total State Formula Funds
14 Large Urban Districts	314,107	\$1,706,347,845	27.4%	\$1,773,114,054	27.5%
Quintile 1 - Lowest Property Values	201,405	\$1,147,094,539	18.4%	\$1,184,320,030	18.4%
Quintile 2 - Low Property Values	238,503	\$1,056,627,735	16.9%	\$1,081,259,786	16.8%
Quintile 3 - Average Property Values	221,428	\$813,369,571	13.0%	\$832,245,066	12.9%
Quintile 4 - High Property Values	356,538	\$984,873,241	15.8%	\$1,017,561,822	15.8%
Quintile 5 - Highest Property Values	371,698	\$526,867,982	8.4%	\$558,620,623	8.7%
Total	1,703,679	\$6,235,180,913	100.0%	\$6,447,121,381	100.0%

Low-Wealth and Urban Districts Receive More Per-Pupil Than High-Wealth Districts

Students in a low-wealth or urban districts receive more from the state than students in Ohio's high-wealth school districts. In fact, in FY2014 Ohio's lowest-wealth districts receive 155 percent of the state average on a per-pupil basis and 400 percent more than the highest-wealth districts. Similarly, urban districts receive 148 percent of the state average per-pupil and 383 percent more than the highest-wealth districts.

Estimated FY2014-15 State Formula Funds by Quintile (Per Pupil)

	Estimated FY14 Student Enrollment	Est'd FY14 State Formula Funds Per-Pupil	Est'd FY14 State Formula Funds Per-Pupil As % of State Average	Est'd FY15 State Formula Funds Per-Pupil	Est'd FY15 State Formula Funds Per-Pupil As % of State Average
14 Large Urban Districts	314,107	\$5,432	148.4%	\$5,645	149.2%
Quintile 1 - Lowest Property Values	201,405	\$5,695	155.6%	\$5,880	155.4%
Quintile 2 - Low Property Values	238,503	\$4,430	121.1%	\$4,534	119.8%
Quintile 3 - Average Property Values	221,428	\$3,673	100.4%	\$3,759	99.3%
Quintile 4 - High Property Values	356,538	\$2,762	75.5%	\$2,854	75.4%
Quintile 5 - Highest Property Values	371,698	\$1,417	38.7%	\$1,503	39.7%
Total	1,389,572	\$3,660	100.0%	\$3,784	100.0%

From \$7,678 to \$110 Per-Pupil: the Poorest Districts Get More and the Richest Districts Get Less

Under *Achievement Everywhere*, Ohio's poorest school district by property valuation, Trimble Local in Athens County, would receive \$7,678 per pupil in state formula aid in FY2014. That amount is higher than the 28 wealthiest district's per-pupil funds *combined*. Conversely, Ohio's wealthiest school district by property valuation, Indian Hill Exempted Village in Hamilton County, would receive only \$110 per-pupil. The chart below illustrates how the governor's *Achievement Everywhere* plan provides Ohio's poorest districts with more state aid per pupil than districts with higher property valuation.

FY 2014-15 State Formula Funds Per-Pupil (excluding Guarantee Funds)

