Legislative Call to Action

Delaware City Schools is currently losing $7.6 million because of state funding caps. The Governor’s proposed budget for the next biennium continues the caps and eliminates another source of funding (Tangible Personal Property (TPP) Tax Reimbursement) for Delaware City Schools. We are asking our constituents to reach out to our legislators and let them know that Delaware deserves and needs full formula funding for every student!

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Governor Kasich
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Senate President Keith Faber
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Cliff Rosenberger, Speaker of the House
614-466-3506 or Email using form http://www.ohiohouse.gov/cliff-rosenberger/contact
School Funding Budget Proposal Background

- Delaware City Schools is currently receiving less than 65% of state funding as promised in the funding formula because the legislature imposed caps on enrollment several years ago. This year DCS lost $7.6 million in funds because of the cap. **Note: DCS is receiving the equivalent state formula funding as if our enrollment was 3600 students. In reality our 2015 enrollment is 5500 students.**

- Conversely, districts with declining enrollment that are on the funding guarantee continue to get funded for kids they no longer have.

- The elimination of Tangible Personal Property (TPP) Taxes in the Governor’s budget proposal further impacts DCS by reducing funding by approximately $1.6 million over the next 2 years.

- With the elimination of TPP and the continued caps on state formula funding, the Governor’s budget proposal continues to fund DCS at less than 65% of what the formula states for the next two years.
  
  o The elimination of the TPP and the continued caps on state funding are forcing the district to compromise the quality of education offered to students and families.

  o The elimination of TPP and the continued caps on state funding mean Delaware taxpayers must bear an even greater burden for funding their schools.

DCS Background

- DCS is not a wealthy district. 36% of students are identified as economically disadvantaged.

- DCS has a long history of financial responsibility - spending 10% less per pupil than the state average.

- DCS taxpayers have consistently supported their schools and currently have a greater local tax effort than the state average.

- Our district is punished through the current (and proposed) state funding formula (through caps on funding) simply because our district grew at the wrong time. Many comparable districts receive full funding, with some actually receiving more than their state formula amount.