



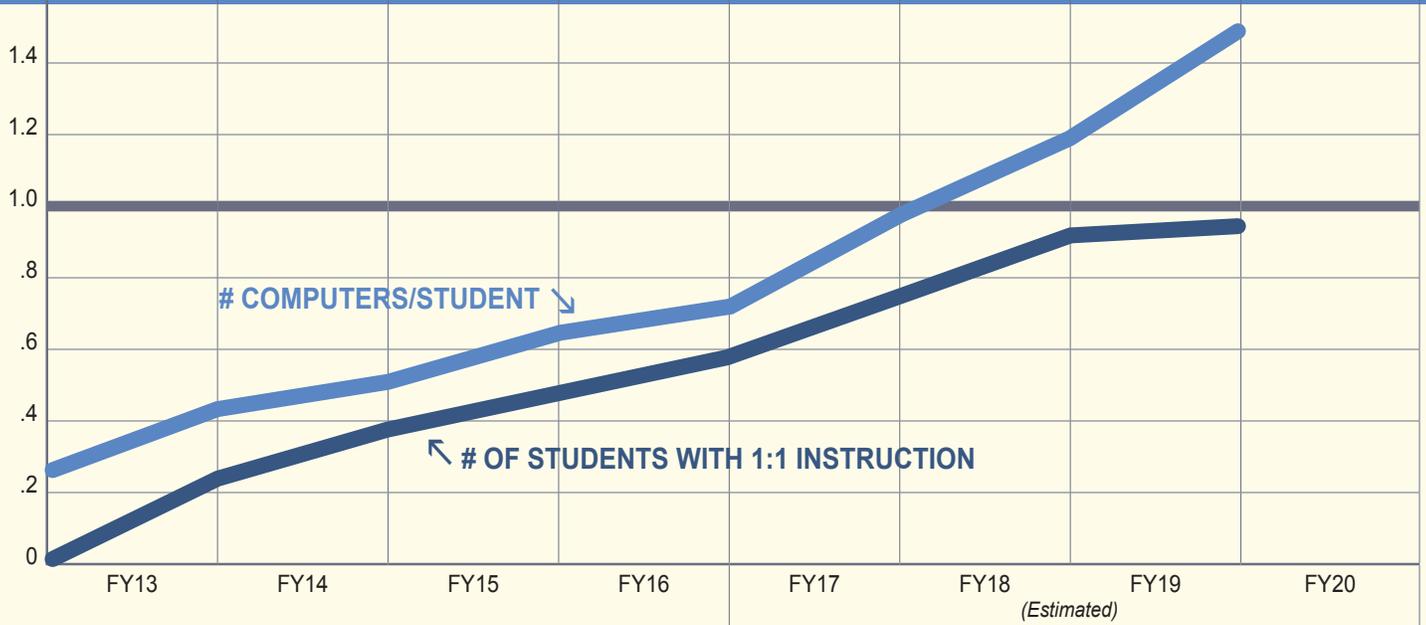
# EdTech Centers – Your Technology & Curriculum Professional Development Specialists

In partnership with INFOhio

## Teacher Professional Development

FY15-FY18

### Growth of Computers in Schools (FY14 - FY20\*\*)



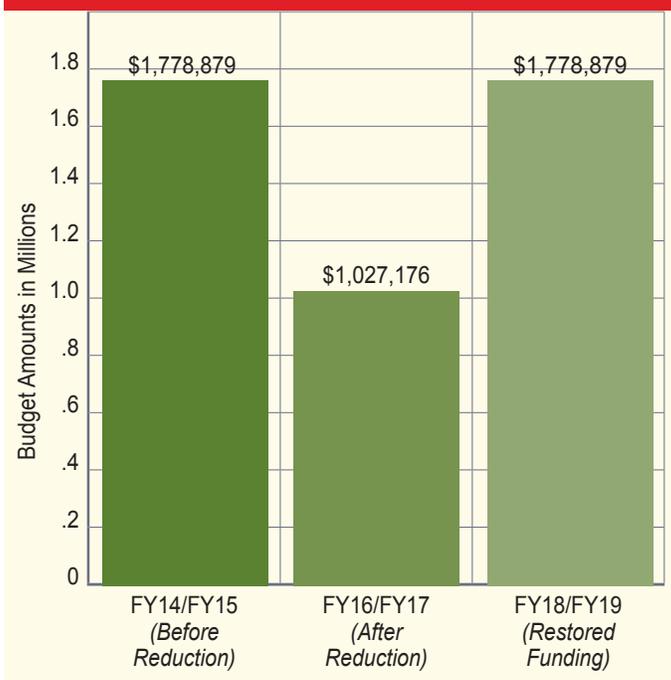
\*\*Includes district & student owned devices. EdWeek 2016; U of Michigan 2016, reporting based on projected growth from available Ohio national data, anecdotal and observational evidence). Roger Minier, NWOET, is responsible for this data representation.

### Internet Data Usage by Ohio Schools



FY16/17 use verified 3/17 on ODE data; projection based on national and best available state estimates.

### GRF-200465 EdTech Centers



# EdTech Agencies Prepare Teachers and Children with College-Ready Tech Skills for the Jobs of Today and Tomorrow!

Computers are NOT JUST FOR state testing! Devices can be used DAILY!

Ohio EdTechs help teachers learn to create online tests and quizzes - in just TWO HOURS.



## Help Ohio's Students

In FY 15/16 funding for Ohio EdTechs and INFOhio was cut 42%.  
House Bill 49 restores the 42%

### HB 49 GRF-200465 AS PASSED

- Restores funding for Educational Technology Resources to the FY15 level.
- Restores EdTech Centers from "\$1,027,176" to "\$1,778,879"

### GRF-200465 AS PASSED ALSO:

- Helps fund Internet safety
- Restores INFOhio from "\$1,443,572" to "\$2,500,000"

### Ohio Educational Technology Agencies

The Ohio Educational Technology Agencies (EdTech) provide professional development that optimize the use of classroom technologies to improve student and school staff performance.

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ETSEO, Athens, OH  
ITSCO, Columbus, OH  
NWOET, Bowling Green, OH  
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**Ohio Senate Finance Committee Testimony**  
Appropriation Item 200465 Educational Technology Resources  
**Educational Technology Centers (Agencies)**

Chairman Oelslager and members of the committee, thank you.

I am a former science teacher and computer programming instructor, and now the director of Northwest Ohio EdTech Center, a non-profit serving over 100 mostly rural school districts.

I am here today to ask you to support funding for EdTech Agencies for GRF 200465 as passed by the House. In the previous budget EdTech centers and INFOhio funding lines were combined then reduced 42 % in our current fiscal year.

The House budget restores that 42% cut, back to the 'flat funding' level of FY 14.

In 2014 my agency alone provided over 16,000 hours of teacher professional development - this has dropped to 6,000 hours this year

Every dollar of state funding helps us generate \$2 in additional revenue as we work with other non-profits like Code.org, and INFOhio, which in turn helps prepare students for their future.

If you will look at the chart provided, we see the number of computers in Ohio schools are soaring

– we expect 1 computer per child in all but the lowest-wealth districts within the next three years, but those computers are not good for anything other than testing –

unless teachers get the professional development they need to help prepare students for their future careers.

That's what EdTechs do – we train teachers in the use of technology for K-12 classroom learning – tools for higher education for those going on to college, and for careers where over 90% of ALL high paying jobs require use of tech daily.

If we are concerned about testing, in just two hours EdTechs can teach teachers how to create tests online focused on Ohio's new learning standards.

If we want parents more involved, in just one hour we can help teachers improve learning for every student by putting homework online.

EdTech centers need this funding to help students advance through the world of learning and into the world of work.

We need this funding to support the Internet Safety training delivered to thousands of Ohio schools – hundreds-of-thousands of Ohio Students – in a program that along with EdTechs and INFOhio is also funded through this same GRF 200465 line.

With these funds our teachers – and their students – will be better prepared to use technology in effective ways, helping students with life skills for school, work, and more.

I sincerely thank you for your time, and will be happy to answer questions.

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