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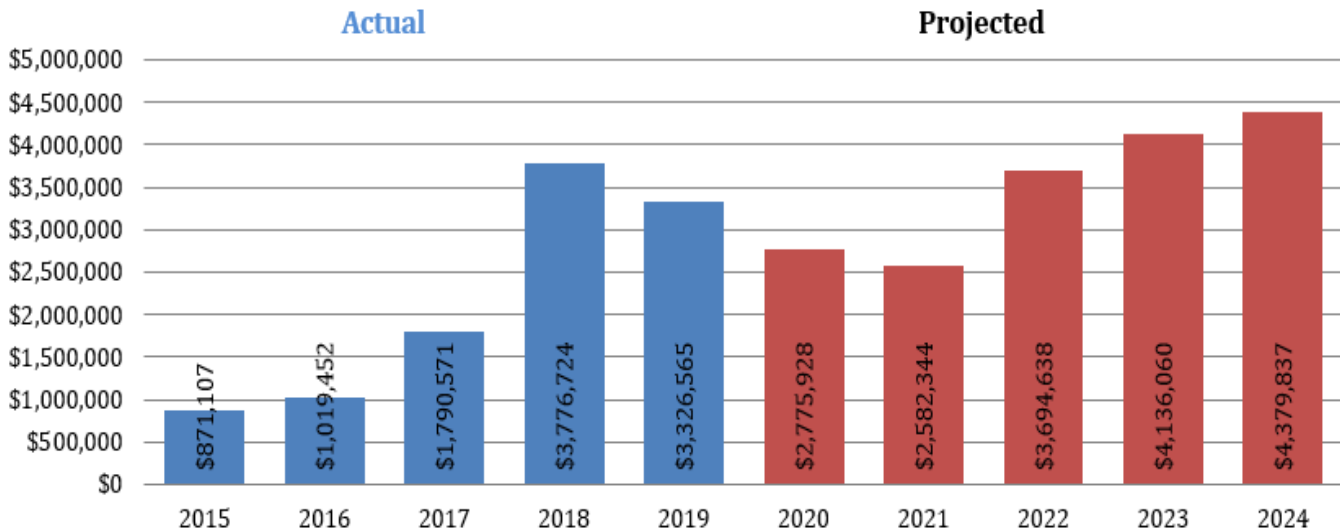
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Dear Chairman Dolan,
Vice Chair Burke,
Senate Minority Ranking Member Sykes, and
Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to hear from and understand the needs of Manchester Local School District.

Manchester Local School District is located in the rural Southern part of the state. It is a beautiful scenic rural area right next to the Ohio River where some people have vacation homes to get away and spend quiet time after the hustle of big city living. For those who call this area home, it is a hard working neighborly community that has a very huge problem with the schools getting funding.

In the 2020-2021 Biennium Budget, the Legislature froze the State Foundation to the 2019 level for two years and suspended the ORC 3317.028 adjustments. This caused a significant decrease in state revenue 2020 and 2021 as shown in the graph below:



In 2018 and 2019 the district received ORC 3317.028 adjustments. The graph shows in 2020, the reduction of **over** \$178,000 additional for COVID-19 state funding cuts and in 2021, it shows a 10% decrease based on projected state tax revenue loss due to COVID-19. In 2022 and beyond it shows an increase in state funding based on the supposition that the state will increase funding due to valuations being below 70 million and projected revenue from taxes being significantly reduced.

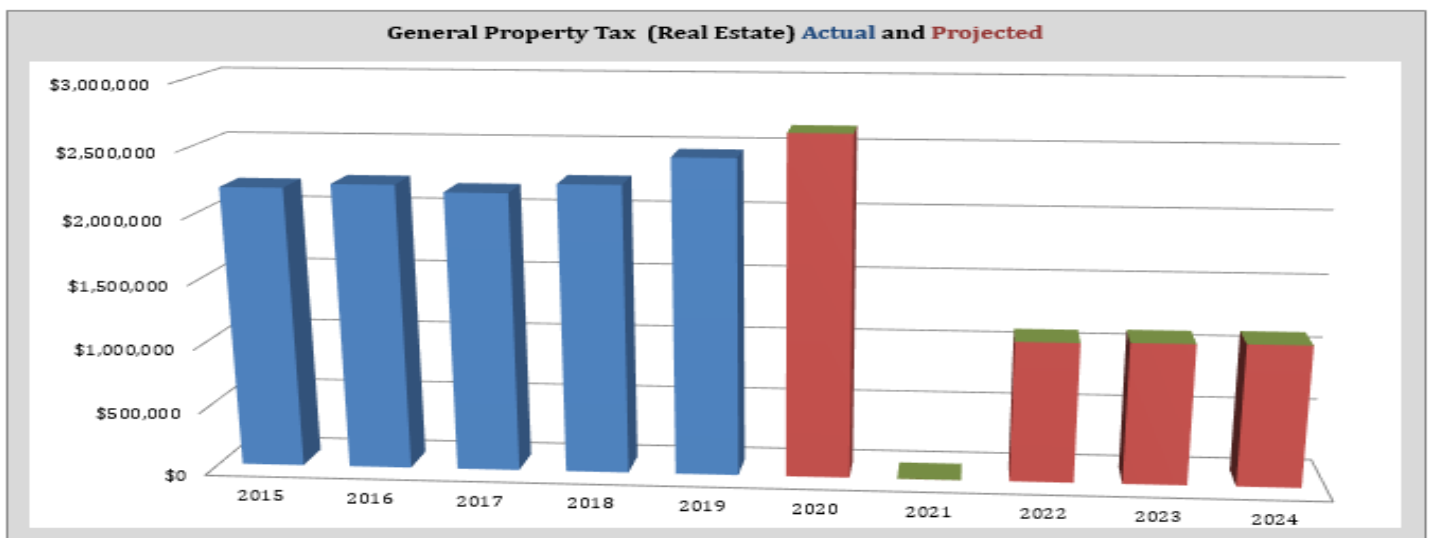
An ORC 3317.028 adjustment is given when a district’s valuation decreases by at least 10%. In the chart below in column YOY, it shows the percentage of decreases in valuations the district has had over the last several years:

Total Valuations by Property Classification								
Tax Year	Agricultural	Residential	Total Class I	Class II (All)	PP/PUPP	Total	YOY \$ Change	YOY %
A 2013	18,148,200	33,838,890	51,987,090	57,406,320	202,993,110	312,386,520	15,019,580	5.1%
C 2014	17,961,650	33,951,240	51,912,890	57,332,590	199,207,980	308,453,460	(3,933,060)	-1.3%
T 2015	17,931,490	34,070,750	52,002,240	57,381,510	211,847,770	321,231,520	12,778,060	4.1%
U 2016	18,404,840	34,715,560	53,120,400	57,854,760	152,643,210	263,618,370	(57,613,150)	-17.9%
A 2017	18,511,380	34,925,330	53,436,710	57,711,820	69,725,090	180,873,620	(82,744,750)	-31.4%
L 2018	18,558,210	35,341,760	53,899,970	57,851,130	55,169,400	166,920,500	(13,953,120)	-7.7%
A 2019	17,076,430	38,066,970	55,143,400	56,874,170	18,831,420	130,848,990	(36,071,510)	-21.6%
P 2020	17,076,430	38,266,970	55,343,400	5,750,545	7,831,420	68,925,365	(61,923,625)	-47.3%
R 2021	17,076,430	38,416,970	55,493,400	5,750,545	7,831,420	69,075,365	150,000	0.2%
O 2022	17,101,430	39,016,970	56,118,400	5,825,545	7,831,420	69,775,365	700,000	1.0%
J 2023	17,101,430	39,116,970	56,218,400	5,825,545	7,831,420	69,875,365	100,000	0.1%

Although the Biennium Budget did not calculate funding based on valuations, the tax revenues generated in the district are determined by valuations. With the major losses in valuation, not enough tax revenues will be generated to support the school district as it has in prior years.

In 2018 two electric generating power plants in Manchester Local School District were shut down and closed. In December of 2019, these plants were purchased by Kingfisher Development, LLC.

The new owners of the power plant land have filed a Board of Revision complaints on the valuation for real property Class II. It is projected this complaint will be approved and the district will pay back over \$1,175,000 in tax dollars received. This is reflected in the chart below based upon the paying back the taxes in 2021.



As reflected in all the above information, Manchester Schools is in needed of additional funding. Manchester Schools has made over \$1,137,000 in personnel and other cuts for 2021. Manchester Schools in Manchester, Ohio, a community in rural scenic Ohio, needs financial help. Manchester Schools has been and continues to be fiscally responsible. Manchester Schools respectfully requests fairness and support equal to what the State provides to other rural districts of like size and capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Elliott, Treasurer of Manchester Local Schools