

# NEW LEXINGTON SCHOOLS

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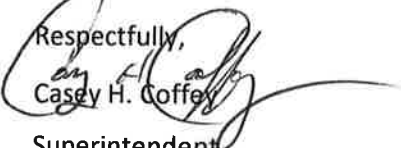
May 3, 2021

Dear Senator .....

I am once again asking for your help! As you know, HB 110 has been passed by the House and is now waiting on your approval. Before you approve this bill, I hope you will consider the long term issues that the removal of CEP / Economically Disadvantaged current funding. Unfortunately, ESSER money will only carry Rural Appalachian Districts of measurable economically disadvantaged populations for the short term due to other factors that put us in a pinch. When I think about measurable impact factors in the school funding configuration that are "Musts" securing and sustaining economically disadvantaged funding has to be maintained. Unless you live and work in an economically disadvantaged district it is very difficult to understand the impact if this money goes away. In our school district this would mean we would lose 940,000 a year beginning in 2021-2022 school year. Over a period of time this will be impossible for schools that depend on economically disadvantaged funding to survive. This is "no-extras" money. This is money used to regulate and insure proper staff to student ration which is one of the most crucial factor when taking into consideration equitable and adequate education.

I truly appreciate the work and effort you are putting into this new funding formula. I hope you will strive to fulfill the obligation that all student needs are taken in to consideration and continue to take cultural demographics in to consideration. With 600 plus public school districts in the State of Ohio it becomes very easy to misrepresent priority needs. Please make sure that Appalachia and Rural Economically Disadvantaged districts do not become an example of "Kids" being left out of deserved funding for equitable programming. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this information, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

  
Casey H. Coffey

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the New Lexington School District is to promote the highest level of educational achievement, maximizing all students' potential, while challenging them to become life-long learners and socially responsible citizens.