

Dear Ohio Legislators,

I write to urge you to continue to provide adequate funding to Ohio public school systems. With the current Trump Administration's proposed elimination of the US Department of Education, state and local funding and education policies and guidance will be all the more critical to keep our public schools healthy and strong.

Ohio's schools have historically ranked in the middle of the pack of 50 states. That's not good enough. Shockingly, according to USA Today, Ohio schools currently rank #27th, BELOW other Midwestern states such as Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. Cutting funding will only damage Ohio rankings and quality of education even further. Cutting public school funding will weaken our schools funding base and make Ohio less attractive to corporations and business entities looking to expand or move to Ohio and will make it more likely that corporate headquarters currently based in Ohio will relocate to other states.

Certainly you can come up with a better plan than to de-fund Ohio's public schools.

Sincerely, Emilie Gottsegen

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