

As a Portage County resident who is a strong supporter of public schools, I'm writing to urge the legislature to reverse the increasing shift of resources from the state that is inexorably reducing the share of spending going to public schools and increasing the share going to private schools. If approved as the governor has proposed, the next budget will reduce public school spending by more than \$100 million and increase spending going to private school by more than \$250 million, despite that fact that almost 90% of school children in Ohio attend public schools. Speaker Huffman says that the current amounts of funding going to public education is "unsustainable". Yet a billion dollars, the current amount going to private schools in this academic year, IS sustainable? I urge the legislators to correct this imbalance, and fully fund the Fair Funding plan, but based on current, not FY 2022, data. Ohio public schools deserve it.