

Written Testimony in Opposition to HB 96

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony concerning HB 96. My name is Jamie Hopkins and I am a retired school administrator who has devoted 35 years to serving students in public schools. I appreciate the work of the 134th and 135th General Assemblies who supported, secured passage and updated the components of the Fair School Funding Plan. The current budget proposal continues the phase-in (years 5 and 6) of the funding plan. However, the proposal continues to use base construction components from FY 22 data. If not corrected, most school districts in Ohio will see a decrease in state aid. This is not due to declining student needs but rather the failure to update base cost inputs, which directly impacts the state share calculation. The tax burden is once again shifted to local taxpayers who are already struggling to make ends meet.

90% of Ohio's students attend public schools. Please don't let them down. Please review the current budget proposals for funding public education in Ohio. Please implement the Fair School Funding Plan.

Thank you,

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