

Instead of working to consolidate control to an appointed official, Ohio should be taking steps to address the declines we have seen in the past several years. With a national ranking that continues to fall, families will leave, and new families will avoid moving to our state. Ohio education needs real solutions, not business deals. By prioritizing a long wish list of the business community and politicians over the needs of students and educators, this massive overhaul does nothing to solve the REAL ISSUES facing public education. The plan does not address the root causes of Ohio's academic distress, including: decades of unconstitutional school funding, crisis-level teacher shortage, poor working and learning conditions, lack of wraparound services for students, literacy issues rooted in poor legislative policies, and disparate student outcomes. Our citizens are diverse, and the people making the decisions about our education system should reflect that diversity. Consolidating that power into one office is bad governance & it's a very obvious power grab. Please do better for the students & families & help our current board work more effectively instead of limiting the voices that will have a say in the future success of all Ohio children.