




A Legislative Update from
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House District 53



From the desk of Representative Miller

Dear Neighbor,

As the Ohio House looks to pass the State Operating Budget at the end of this month, I would like to take a closer look at some of the main provisions in the Senate-passed version.

Some of the highlights of the Senate-passed version are the proposed increased funds for pediatric behavioral health workforce development and infrastructure, the creation of a state Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, and increases to the foundation aid for traditional school districts from the Governor's budget.

Unfortunately, the Senate version of the budget gutted a lot of the support for public schools and proposed investments in our children created in the House version. Additionally, the budget added language from Senate Bill 83, dubbed the "Higher Education Destruction Act" and Senate Bill 1 which, among other things, creates a "Director of Education and Workforce" to be appointed by the Governor.

Do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, concerns, thoughts, or ideas. My office can be reached at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

State Representative Joe Miller

District Spotlights

- Grand Opening of Doc Watson's Market in Amherst
- Powers Elementary, Walter G. Nord School, Amherst Junior High, and Marion L. Steele High School all received the Purple Star Award for showing a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military.
- The Police Chief Cel Rivera Memorial Highway Sign was unveiled at the end of May

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I have enclosed a press release from Governor DeWine announcing funding awards for ODOT's 2023 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. This program provides resources, technical assistance, and project funding to encourage and enable students in grades K-12 to walk or ride their bike to school. Funding for eligible SRTS infrastructure projects include sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, traffic signal upgrades and other safety enhancements. Non-infrastructure projects include education materials, driver safety campaigns, walk and bike safety instruction and more.

The following funding awards are in your district:

- **The City of Lorain has been awarded \$ 498,000 in Fiscal Year 2026**

- Improved pedestrian accommodations such as the removal and replacement of non-ADA compliant ramps, new sidewalks, new striping and signage, as well as speed feedback signs along Fairless Drive, Tacoma Avenue, and Goble Drive impacting two schools: Southview Middle School and Helen Steiner Rice Elementary.

- **The City of Lorain has been awarded \$120,000 in Fiscal Year 2024**

- Lorain City School District will receive funding for driver safety campaigns near local schools, arrival and dismissal monitoring supports, and walk and bike events.

- **The City of Oberlin has been awarded \$40,000 in Fiscal Year 2024**

- This project will support professional development and stipends for Oberlin City Schools personnel, cycling instructors, local service officers and local bike clubs to be trained in teaching and leading biking and walking programming.

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- Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities:
(440) 329 3734
- Lorain County Income Tax Department:
(440) 204 1002
- Lorain County Veteran's Services:
(440) 284 4625
- Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County
 - Crisis Hotline: 1-800-888-6161
 - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
 - Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988
- Lorain County Board of Education:
(440) 233 2271
- Lorain County Office on Aging:
(440) 326-4800
- Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services:
(440) 933 5639



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