

Where Do Schools Get Their Money?

On average, Ohio's districts get about 42 percent of their revenue from the state, 50 percent from local taxpayers and 8 percent from the federal government. But the average masks a wide variation in how much money is available per pupil and how much of that comes from each sector. In Lorain County, the most recent data show Oberlin had the most revenue per pupil while Midview had nearly the least—second only to one other school district by just \$18—a difference of more than \$4,000 per pupil.

Oberlin City SD	\$11,436
Sheffield-Sheff. Lake SD	\$10,837
Lorain City SD	\$10,833
Avon Lake City SD	\$10,551
Elyria City SD	\$10,451
Columbia Local SD	\$8,648
Firelands Local SD	\$8,266
Avon Local SD	\$8,222
North Ridgeville City SD	\$8,198
Clearview Local SD	\$8,112
Amherst Ex. Village SD	\$7,639
The Midview Schools	\$7,399
Keystone Local SD	\$7,381

In Northeast Ohio, the most recent data show Beachwood had the most revenue per pupil while Midview once again had nearly the least—second only to Keystone—a difference of nearly **\$14,000 per student**.

For a full breakdown of revenue per pupil in Northeast Ohio, log on the Midview Schools website at www.MidviewK12.org and click on the document "Where Do Schools Get Their Money?"

Source: Data provided by school districts, compiled by the Ohio Department of Education for fiscal year ending in June 2007.

How Can I Learn More?

The Midview Board of Education encourages members of the community to get involved in their Midview Schools. Some of the ways you may choose to learn more about your schools include:

- Joining the Midview Funding the Future Levy Committee by calling 926-7605
- Attending Midview Board of Education meetings, which are held every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at West Elementary School
- Signing up to receive the district's E-Newsletter by e-mailing us at: egadd@midviewk12.org
- Participating in a Booster Club, Board Committee, or Parent-Teacher Association—all of which are advertised on the district website and calendars.

In addition, you can contact the Midview Board of Education members with your individual questions or concerns. Board Members for the 2008-2009 school year are:

David Zunis, President: 440-366-6465

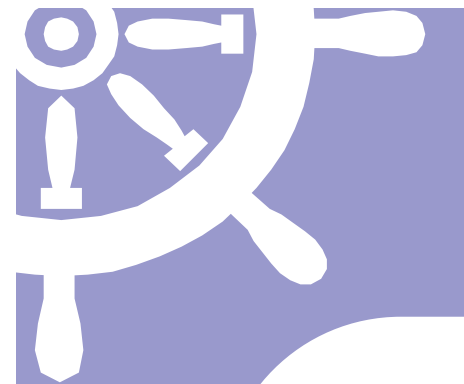
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The State of the Midview Schools

Over the last two years, The Midview Schools has made more than \$1 million in cuts and has nearly the lowest per pupil expenditures in northeast Ohio.

In 2008, Midview made two attempts to pass new money into the district to protect the basic needs of our students. With those two levies voted down by the community, the district is in the process of making \$1.2 million in cuts from an already bare bones budget.

This publication was created to provide you with the facts and figures about the state of the Midview Schools as we move forward to continue to provide opportunities to Midview students with the resources that our community has provided to us.

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Recent Cuts 2006-2008

The district has been fiscally responsible and has already cut more than one million dollars from the budget over the last two years. The district worked very hard to make cuts that would not affect the education and be responsible with taxpayers money.

Personnel:	Savings:
Business Manager	\$146,000
2 Elementary Teachers	\$137,300
Bus Mechanic	\$41,400
Cafeteria Supervisor	\$64,400
Consumer Science	\$86,300
Other Cuts:	Savings:
All-Day Kindergarten	\$140,000
New insurance	\$22,000
Gifted Services ESC	\$19,000
Field Trips	\$5,000
Telephones	\$15,000
Increase Pay to Play \$25	\$30,000
New Copy Lease	\$122,000
Reduction in Travel	\$8,000
Not Replacing 3 Buses	\$150,000
New Health Insurance	\$263,500
Increase Investments	\$40,000
New Phone Vendor	\$3,600
Mail Van and Film Library	\$10,000
TOTAL CUTS 2006-2008	\$1,303,500

Proposed Cuts 2009-2010

By law, schools must balance the budget and cannot operate in the red. To do so, Midview must make more than \$1.2 million in cuts—the amount that would have been generated by passing a levy in 2008. These cuts are being made in addition to an already bare bones budget (see brochure panel titled “Where Do Schools Get Their Money?”).

We are sad to report that the cuts below will definitely affect education, but we have heard the voters and after two failed levy attempts, we have no choice but to eliminate staff, programs and technology. The proposed cuts will go into affect at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, unless otherwise noted. All figures are estimations.

Cuts	Savings:
High School Busing 1/20/09	\$250,000
Administrative Reductions	\$115,000
Intervention Tutor Program	\$115,000
Elementary Gifted Program	\$45,000
Increase pay-to-participate	\$300,000
Reduce 5 to 8 Teachers	\$300,000
Reduce Cleaning Staff (Elem.)	\$75,000
Reduce Cleaning (MS/HS)	\$75,000
	\$1,275,000
Other possible reductions:	
Close buildings after 4:00 p.m.	
Increase user fees	
Elementary Aides (where possible)	
Freeze on all travel, etc. except those required by law	
Eliminate all supplementals	

FAQ About Finances

How does Open Enrollment affect the budget?

Midview currently accepts 215 students through open enrollment. At the same time, 116 of our students leave us through open enrollment to other districts. Incoming students are enrolled in various grades, and do not greatly affect class size. They do, however, positively affect our budget, bringing in \$566,557 of income to help us operate our schools.

What's happened to our old buildings?

Grafton Elementary was sold to an independent developer and East Carlisle Elementary was sold to Carlisle Township—bringing valuable income into the district—all the while helping our budget by subtracting their maintenance costs from our operating fund. Brush Elementary is now being rented by a private, for-profit organization, generating additional money to help us run our school system.

How does lottery money help our budget?

It doesn't. While it's true that Ohio schools receive money from the state Lottery, the exact amount that we receive through this program is then subtracted from the amount we receive from the state. In this way, schools do not receive any additional money through the program.

How does Strickland's proposal help us?

We don't know yet. Please keep in mind that Gov Strickland's proposal is just that ... a proposal. The plan must first pass the House (majority Democrats), then move to the Ohio Senate (majority Republicans) and then move through a Conference Committee IF it passes both Houses in some form or other. So while it's interesting to talk about restructuring the educational system in Ohio, much of this will be just that, “talk”.