

Welcome to the Talawanda Community Forum on the State Budget and School Funding Advocacy

March 24, 2025
Talawanda High School



Welcome!

Thank you for your time this evening!

Introductions of Presenters

Thank you League of Women Voters for supporting this process and being a Co-Sponsor!



Why Am I Here?

- Legislators are Elected by Us
- It's Important for Your Voice to be Heard
- There are Several Budget Proposals that will Impact Talawanda Schools and our Community
- One Elected Official Stated he has Not Heard from Anyone Regarding School Funding



Does contacting legislators make a difference?

- YES!
- What you think about an issue counts and legislators care about what you think!
- Be sure to contact all members of the legislative committees that will be considering your bill BEFORE each committee hearing.

Question 21

- What is directly contacting legislators known as?
- Lobbying

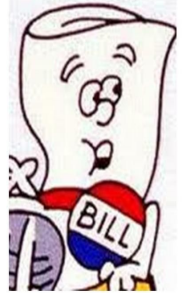


State Budget Process

- Due June 30th
- 2 Year Budget
- House and Senate Make their Individual Versions
- Once Passed by House and Senate, Governor Signs
- During the Process (Goes Back and Forth)
- Items are Changed, Deleted, Added Throughout Process
- Remember: Anything Can Change Until the Budget is Signed

How a Bill Becomes a Law

- Bill Introduced
- Committee
- Hearings (Changes Made)
- Debate
 - Filibuster possible in Senate (delay tactic)
- Vote
- Sent to Governor
 - Sign Bill
 - Veto – both houses can vote to override with 2/3 vote
 - Not sign bill & after 15 days becomes law



Budget Process – Timeline



Funding Formula-Fair School Funding Plan



TSD *General Fund* Revenue

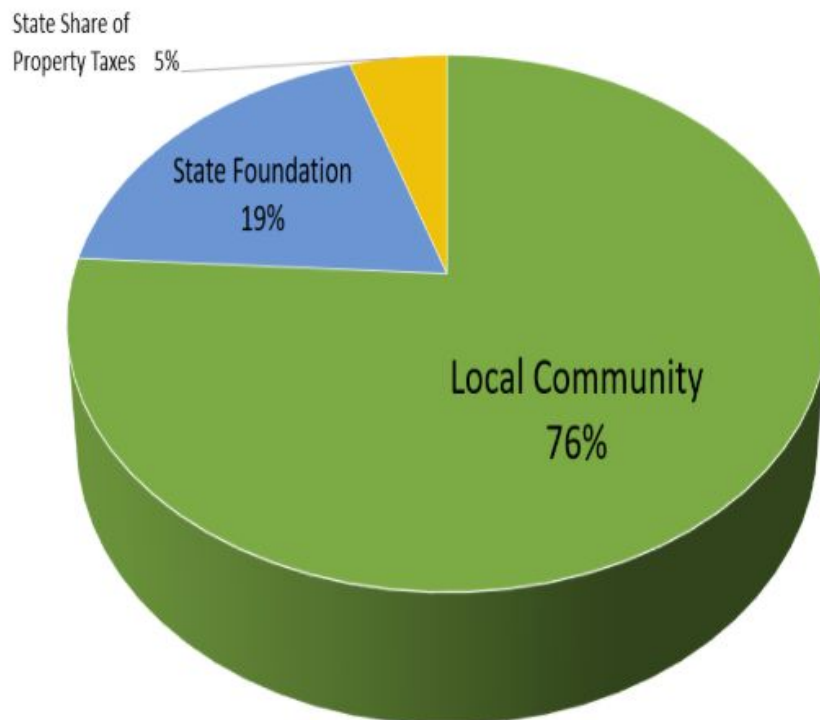
Locally Funded: \$35,368,184

State Funded: \$11,199,597

FY25 Estimated: \$46,567,784

Local Revenue: Property & Public Utility Personal Property Taxes, School District Income Taxes & other Revenue such as Investment Income, Medicaid, Tuition, TIF and Abatements, etc.

State Revenue: Fair School Funding Formula (Plan) and State Share of Property Taxes (Rollback/Homestead)



K-12 FSFF

The State of Ohio funds public schools based on a funding formula that is developed by Ohio's Governor along with the Ohio House and Senate. The funding formula is often subject to significant changes every two years because the formula itself is a component of Ohio's 2-year biennium budgeting process.

The state funding formula that is in current law is called the Fair School Funding Formula. We are in the 4th year of this formula phase in, with year 5 and 6 being debated by the House & Senate right now. If approved:

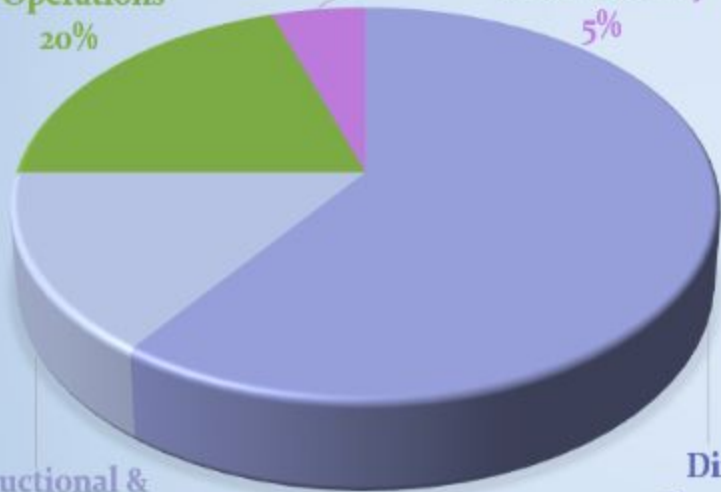
- FY26 would be 83% phased in, with FY27 being 100%; *but...*
 - Base Costs Inputs will use FY22 levels
 - Local Capacity Inputs will use FY24 levels
- Phase out of the 'Guarantee' Programs

- All funding formulas developed by state law are created with the basic understanding that state funding is *partially* funded by the State of OH, but requires a portion of the funding provided by the State of OH to be paid for by the school district itself = LOCAL SHARE.
- Local share calculation relies on a combination of:
 - Property Values, Taxpayer Income + Enrollment
 - If local share increases/decreases at a faster/slower pace than state-wide cost factors, then state funding at the district level can be positively or adversely impacted

Funding Formula - Base Cost Summary

Building Leadership & Operations
20%

District Leadership & Accountability
5%



Instructional & Student Supports
15%

Direct Classroom Instruction
60%

Direct Classroom Instruction 60% of Base Cost

Grade	Ratio	Headcount Enrollment	Funded Teachers
6th Grade	25	57	2.9
7th Grade	25	64	2.8
8th Grade	25	51	2.2
9th Grade	27	52	2.3
10th Grade	27	60	2.4
11th Grade	27	79	3.2
12th Grade	27	80	2.4
7th Grade	25	77	3.1
8th Grade	25	58	2.3
9th Grade	27	62	2.3
10th Grade	27	66	2.4
11th Grade	27	42	1.6
12th Grade	27	40	1.5
Base Aid Teacher Funding		768	31.2
Other Direct Instruction			Min/Max
Specials Teachers (Art, Music, P/E)	1 per 150 students	5 Min	6.0
Substitute Teachers	5 Days per teacher per year		
Professional Development	4 PD days per year		
Other Direct Instruction			
Total Direct Instruction			

Instructional & Student Supports 15% of Base Cost

Co-curriculars - Academic	Amount per pupil		
Co-curriculars - Athletic (Inc. Athletic Director)	Amount per pupil		
High School Guidance Support		1 Min	1.0
Safety & Security - Non-Personnel	Amount per pupil		
Supplies & Academic Content	Amount per pupil		
Library/Media Operations/Support	1 per 1,000 students		0.8
Social/Emotional/Security/Life Support	1 per 250 students	1 Min	5.0
Instructional Technology	Amount per pupil		
Total Student Support Instruction			
Total Instructional Costs			

Building Leadership & Operations 20% of Base Cost

Building Leadership	1 per 450 students		1.7
Building Operations and Support	Amount per pupil		
Building Leadership Support	1 per 400 students	1 Max	1.9
Total Building Leadership & Operations			
Total Building Leadership & Operations Costs			

District Leadership & Accountability 5% of Base Cost

Superintendent		1 Min	1
Treasurer		1 Min	1
District Leadership	1 per 750 students	2 Min	2.0
Fiscal Support	1 per 850 students	2 Min	2.0
EMIS Support	1 per 5,000 students	1 Min	1.0
ITC Support, Technology Infrastructure Maintenance	Amount per pupil		
District Leadership Support	1 per 3 administrators	1 Min	1.0
Total District Leadership & Accountability Data			
Total District Leadership & Accountability Costs			

Local 'Capacity' Calculation

60%

Assessed Property Valuation

20%

Federal Adj. Gross Income

20%

Federal Median Income

State of OH FSFP:

Avg Base Cost/Pupil	\$8,242
Local Capacity	\$6,985
State Capacity	\$1,117
State Share Index (%)	13.78%

Name: Talawanda City

County: Butler

IRN: 046151

Property Valuation Information

V1	Capacity Amount Assessed Valuation [lesser of V2 and $((V2+V3+V4)/3)$]		\$943,941,450
V2	TY23 Assessed Valuation	\$1,130,034,130	
V3	TY22 Assessed Valuation	\$853,350,280	
V4	TY21 Assessed Valuation	\$848,439,940	

Income Information

I1	Capacity Amount Federal Adjusted Gross Income [lesser of I2 and $((I2+I3+I4)/3)$]		\$865,235,507
I2	TY22 Federal Adjusted Gross Income	\$907,405,489	
I3	TY21 Federal Adjusted Gross Income	\$890,277,989	
I4	TY20 Federal Adjusted Gross Income	\$798,023,044	
I5	TY22 Federal Median Income	\$50,212.00	
I6	TY22 Number of State Tax Returns	11,744	
I7	TY22 Statewide Federal Median Income	\$48,462.50	

ADM Data

A1	Base Cost Enrolled ADM	2,785.09
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Detailed Calculation

C1	Assessed Valuation Per-Pupil $[V1/A1]$	\$338,926.73
C2	Gross Income Per-Pupil $[I1/A1]$	\$310,666.98
C3	Median Income Per-Pupil $[(I5*I6)/A1]$	\$211,730.94
C4	Ratio of TY22 District Federal Median Income to State $[I5/I7]$	1.03610008
C5	Ratio Calculated in C4 for the 40th Highest District	1.47494454
C6	Local Capacity Percentage [if $C4 \geq C5$ then 0.025] [if $C4 > 1$ but $C4 < C5$ then $((C4-1)*0.0025)/(C5-1)+0.0225]$ [if $C4 \leq 1$ then $C4*0.0225]$	2.269002%
C7	Local Capacity Per-Pupil Amount $[((C1*0.6)+(C2*0.2)+(C3*0.2))*C6]$	\$6,984.80

Governor Proposal-School Funding

Inputs	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Property Valuation	Uses the <i>lower of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2020- 22)	Uses the <i>lower of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2021- 23)	Uses the <i>lower of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2022- 24)	Uses the <i>lower of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2023- 25)
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Base Cost Enrolled ADM	Uses <i>greater of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2021- 23)	Uses <i>greater of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2022- 24)	Uses <i>greater of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2023- 25)	Uses <i>greater of</i> prior year <u>or</u> a three-year average (TY 2024- 26)
Base Cost Inputs	Uses FY22 base cost inputs and FY24 average base cost	Uses FY22 base cost inputs and FY24 average base cost	Uses FY22 base cost inputs and FY24 average base cost	Uses FY22 base cost inputs and FY24 average base cost



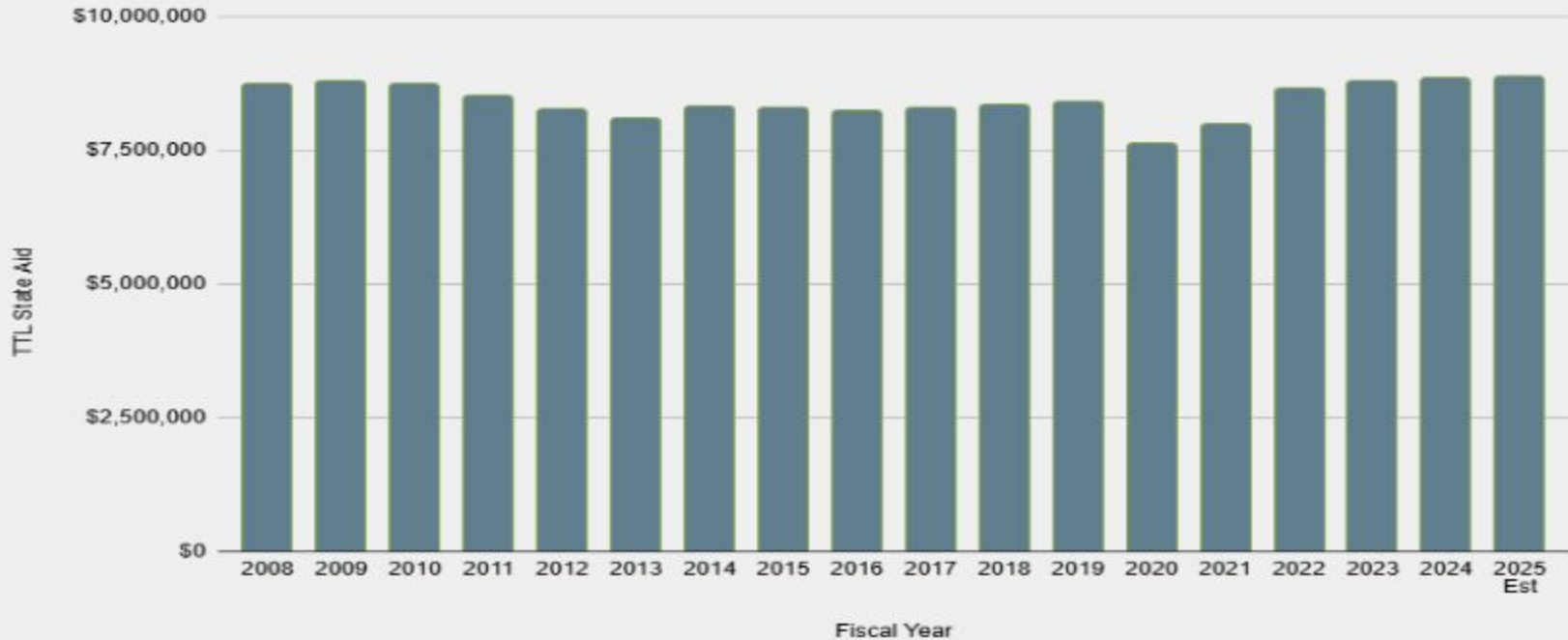
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Description	USAS Code	Annual Amount	Year to Date Prior to Payment	Balance Prior to Payment	Bi-monthly Payment
State Support					
Base Cost	3110	3,848,431.95	2,571,198.38	1,277,233.57	159,654.20
Base Cost - Student Wellness and Success	3218	193,274.15	129,129.53	64,144.62	8,018.08
Targeted Assistance	3110	70,380.43	46,920.39	23,460.04	2,932.51
Special Education	3110	444,675.91	296,128.55	148,547.36	18,850.22
Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA)	3211	159,465.10	108,572.01	50,893.09	6,361.64
English Learners	3217	17,132.92	11,301.58	5,831.34	834.24
Gifted	3216	88,151.61	59,223.91	28,927.70	3,615.96
Career Technical Education	3215	3,945.09	2,736.39	1,208.70	151.09
Temporary Transitional Aid Guarantee	3110	2,212,372.99	1,476,204.95	736,168.04	92,021.01
Supplemental Targeted Assistance	3110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transportation	3110	1,376,195.76	917,463.84	458,731.92	57,341.49
Formula Transition Supplement	3110	0.00	9,091.24	-9,091.24	-1,136.40
Preschool Special Education	3110	177,166.14	120,851.38	56,314.76	7,039.35
Special Education Transportation	3110	187,074.14	124,716.10	62,358.04	7,794.76
Total State Support		8,778,266.19	5,873,538.25	2,904,727.94	363,478.15

TTL State Aid Throughout the Years

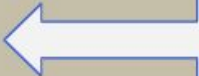


- Average Annual Growth Rate in Revenue from the State of OH - .17%
- State Share Index has decreased from just over 26% to 13.7%
- FY08 TSD received \$8.7M; in FY24 TSD received \$8.8M in State Aid
- TSD Enrollment in FY08 was 2,846, in FY24 Enrollment was 2,739

Butler County

School District	FY25
Edgewood	53.14%
Fairfield	37.42%
Hamilton	70.12%
Lakota	19.08%
Madison	53.56%
Middletown	65.54%
Monroe	47.92%
New Miami	80.66%
Ross	34.76%
Talawanda	13.78%

TSD is the lowest recipient of State Educational Aid



State Share Index

26/27 Biennium Budget Bill Issues

HB96: Biennial Budget (as Introduced)

- Unused district buildings for instructional purposes by minimum 60%.
 - Offer to community school within district, then charter school outside district, then boarding school and STEM schools
- Use updated local capacity data (property and income data) but keep base cost inputs at FY22 levels.
 - Expenditure CPI 3.5% and higher since 2022
- Phase out of the guarantee structure
 - 5% in FY26, 10% in FY27 (loss of \$330K)

SB66 - Modifications to the 20-mill Floor Calculations

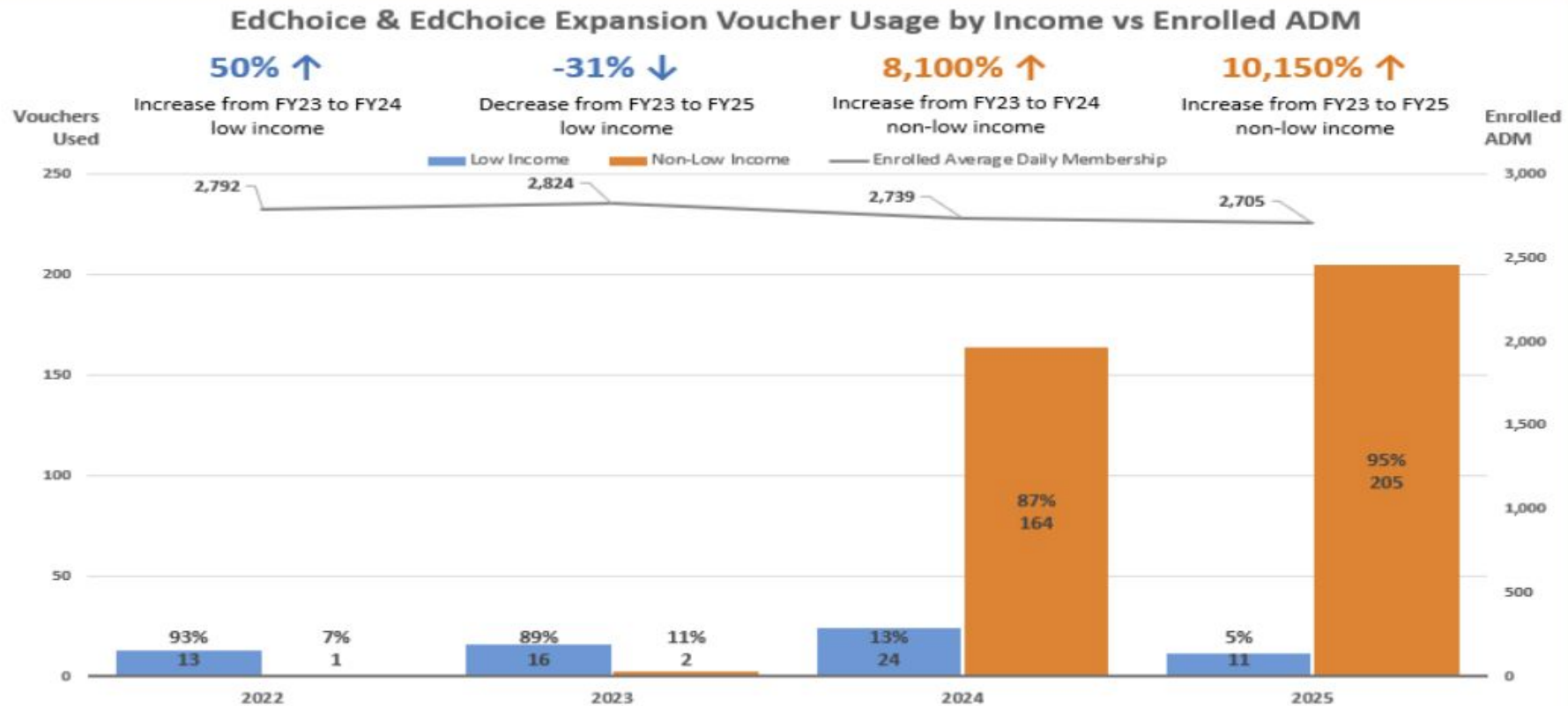
- SDIT would be pulled into the calculations: how will the County formulate the calculations? If when originally voted in, could lose \$3M+ annually

SB116 - Reduces pipeline valuation from 88% to 25%

- Rockies Pipeline Express is within our boundaries

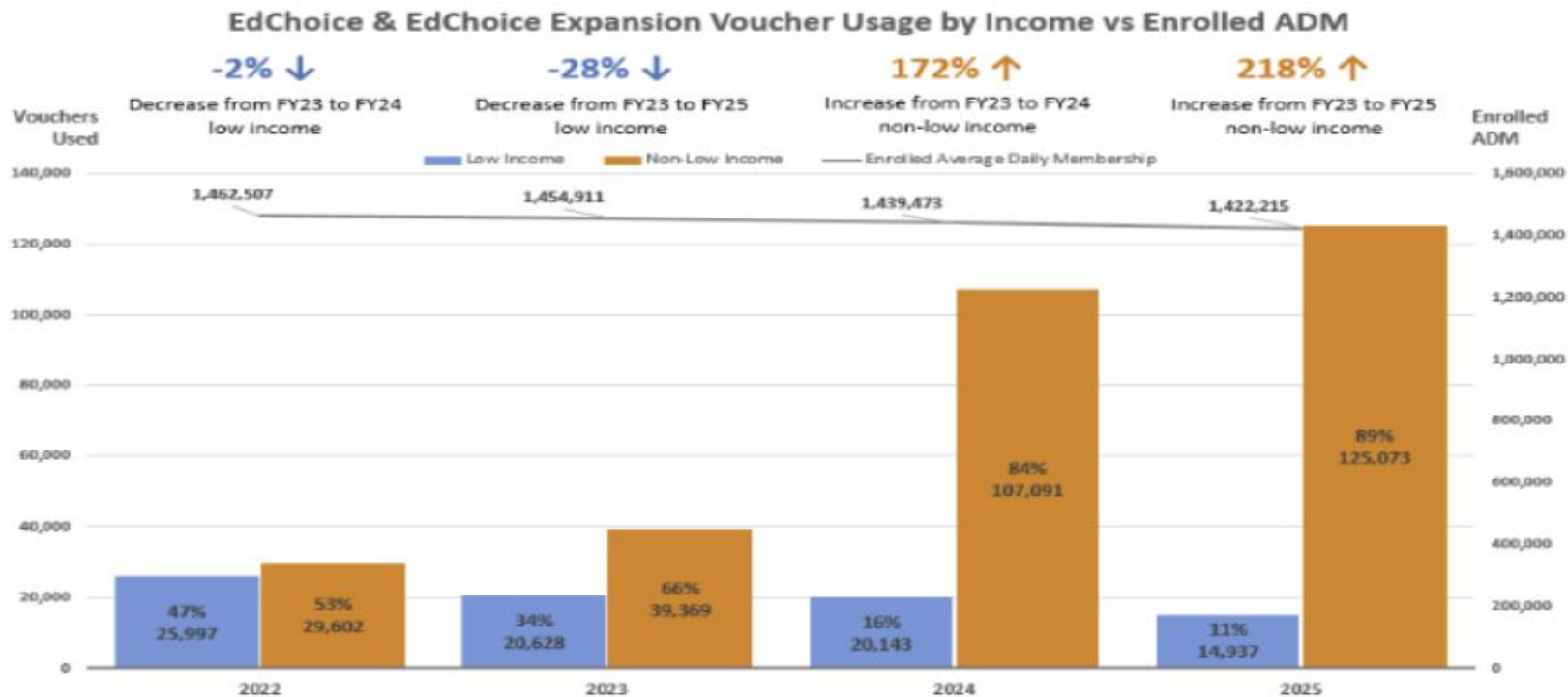
Total Estimated Annual Revenue (Loss) on the line for TSD: \$3.9M

TSD Data: Vouchers



State Data: Vouchers

Statewide Data

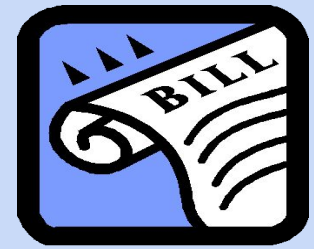


What Should I Address When Contacting Legislators?

- Your Personal Story Regarding Talawanda and your experience
- One of the largest geographic areas (144 square miles)
- Guarantee makes up \$2.2 million dollars per year
- State Share even with Fair School funding Model is low (approx. \$1,100 dollars per student)
- Talawanda lowest % of state share in All of Butler County
- Local Capacity (what Talawanda taxpayers pay) is unequitable
- Talawanda has not had a levy in 20 years. Has been fiscally responsible.
- State aide is based on 2022 data and does **NOT** take into account rising costs

What Should I address continued?

- Fair School Funding Formula does not help Talawanda; Guarantee is sustaining Talawanda at 2008 levels
- We are a rural and suburban school district with a major university (Miami) within our boundaries
- Miami properties do not pay taxes that go to Talawanda, but raises the surrounding values of property making us appear wealthier
- Over 40% Low Socio-economic (or Poverty); Growing English Language Learning student population
- Talawanda's Report Card is strong
- 4.5 Stars
- Number 1 Ranked high school in Butler County
- Graduation Rate: 98%
- Talawanda Middle School Received Momentum Award (scores increased 3 points or higher)
- Other Information you feel is important



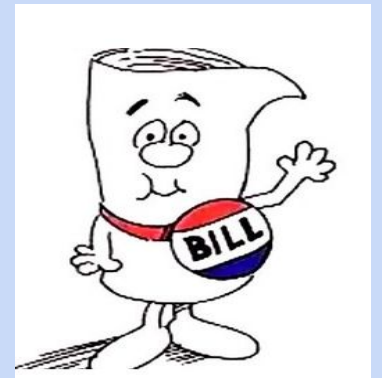
How to Lobby Our Legislators

- Testimony in Columbus if Able (How to Testify or Submit Testimonies)
- Telephone Calls are the Second Best!
- Written Communications: Letters and Emails
- Personal Stories and Impact
- Why This is Important to You, Your Family, and Community
- One Communication is NOT Enough (as the Budget Proposals WILL Change)
- Staying on Top of the Changes and Adjusting Communication Critical
- Be Concise, Suggest Solutions, Be Objective with Facts

<https://www.aclu-md.org/en/news/lobbying-tips-contacting-writing-and-meeting-your-elected-officials>

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Tips for Contacting Your Legislators

- ▶ Be respectful
- ▶ Be patient
- ▶ Personalized is always better
- ▶ Include your address or city
- ▶ Contacting other legislators is okay, state why you are though

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Advocacy Matters! You Can Make A Difference!

Thank you!

