

The Governor's budget proposal for K-12 education funding sets the stage for the necessity of increased property tax for school districts.

Twenty-eight (28) years ago on March 24, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the school funding system was unconstitutional. Emphasis on property tax in the school funding formula was declared a primary defect.

A quarter-century later, the development of the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding plan was a rational response to this longstanding problem. Unfortunately, state officials determined to phase in the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding plan while using excessive, unwarranted, state resources to ramp up the unconstitutional EdChoice voucher program. Currently a legislature leader has pronounced in an authoritative voice, that the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding plan is "unsustainable". If this leader has his way, Ohio school districts will suffer while the voucher scheme is engorged with taxpayer money. Property-taxpayers will bear the brunt of the "unsustainable" nonsense. Less state funds translates into more property tax funds.

Citizens are becoming outraged by increased property tax. But even more property tax will be needed for school district operations because state officials are subsidizing private school tuition for those who make the choice of private education at taxpayers' expense.

More outrage needed!