

What does the House version of the State Budget for libraries and the rejection of the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding plan have in common?

The state library system, since the mid 1980's, has been receiving a specific guaranteed percentage of the General Revenue Budget. The current percentage provided is 1.7%. The Governor's proposed budget increased the percentage to 1.75%. The House version of the General Revenue Budget replaces the longstanding percentage concept with an arbitrary flat amount of revenue which will lower library funding in the range of \$90 million for the biennium.

The House version of the budget eliminated the formula for the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding plan formula and substituted an arbitrary amount of funding for school districts.

What is it with this current crop of legislators? They exhibit the mentality of autocrats.

What ever happened to the notion that politicians served the people? The current state of affairs in Ohio is that citizens serve the politicians.

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