

A bill soon to be introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives would require 60% approval of tax levies for school districts and other service providers. Just one more assault on the public school system.

One of the sponsors of the bill said the measure “will protect homeowners”. If this bill becomes law, very few levies will ever pass if approval ratings continued as in the past. Public school students need protection.

For those folks who don't believe school districts are under full-scale attack, consider the following:

1. A measure in the state budget item would require school district budget balances over an arbitrary percentage to be returned to property-tax payers.
2. Current out of control school voucher expenditures are escalating exponentially.
3. Unwarranted expansion of voucher and charter school appropriations proposed for fiscal years 26 and 27.
4. Now a proposal to raise the threshold for levy passage.

Want more proof that the public common school is under assault? Wait for the next batch of bills to be introduced into the Ohio General Assembly.