

Former Legislator Stephen Dyer provides some disturbing State Budget (Senate version) information.

Stephen Dyer was the primary architect of the Ohio Evidence-Based Model for school funding during the Strickland Administration, which was subsequently ditched by the Kasich Administration. At the onset, Steve acknowledged that the Senate version restored the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding Plan. Even though Cupp/Patterson is only partially funded in the Senate version, at least the structure is preserved.

Steve points out that:

1. Of the \$633 million increase, only \$192 million goes through the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding Plan. Public school districts, with 85% of the students receive 30% of the increase.
2. The Ohio Senate is also doing school districts a “favor” by allowing districts to now keep their rainy day funds unless they are more than 50 percent of their overall revenue. Great. Now small, rural districts only have to give back the majority of their hard-earned savings, not the vast majority of it like they did under the House, which required them to give back everything over 30 percent

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