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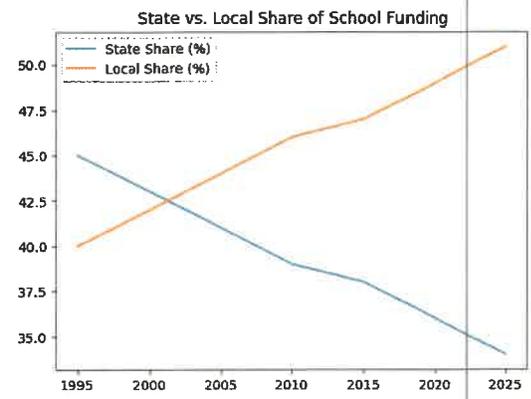
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## Ohio School Funding: Who Pays and Why It Matters

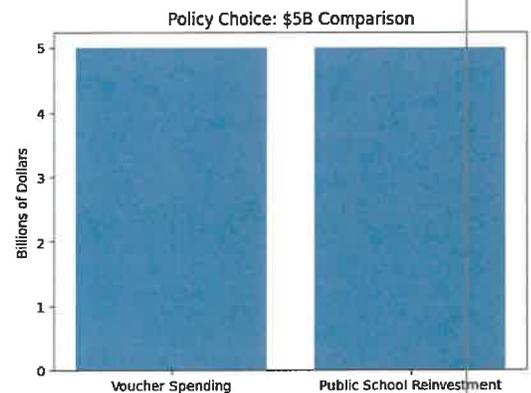
### Chart 1: State vs. Local Share

- State share of school funding has steadily declined over time.
- Local property taxes have filled the gap left by the state.
- Reliance on property taxes ties school quality to ZIP code.
- This shift increases inequity between wealthy and less-wealthy districts.
- This trend contradicts the promise of a statewide system of common schools.
- The burden grows even when districts do nothing new.



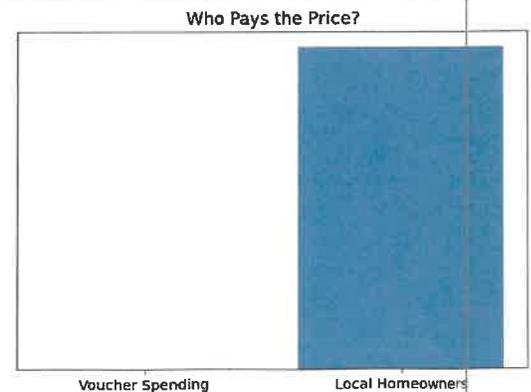
### Chart 2: The \$5 Billion Choice

- Ohio will spend over \$5 billion this biennium on vouchers.
- There is no constitutional requirement to fund private or religious schools.
- Public schools are the only system Ohio is required to support statewide.
- This spending proves the state has financial capacity.
- Redirecting even a portion could reduce levy dependence.
- This is a matter of priorities, not affordability.



### Chart 3: Who Pays the Price

- When state funding declines, costs do not disappear—they shift.
- Local homeowners absorb increased pressure through property taxes.
- Seniors and fixed-income residents are especially impacted.
- Vouchers diffuse costs statewide; property taxes concentrate them locally.
- Communities pay repeatedly through renewals and new levies.
- State decisions quietly become local tax bills.



## 2025 – 2026 CPEA “EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR”

### Nominate an Outstanding Educator!!!

Any CPEA member can nominate a colleague or Individuals can apply directly.

#### Nominations Packets Must Include:

- Completed Nomination Form
- Letter from Nominator
- Letter from one Student \*Optional
- Letter from 2 other colleagues \*Optional

#### Selection Process:

- Reviews completed by CPEA, ELT
- Up to 5 finalists selected- if needed
- Finalists presented at the April BLR mtg.
- BLRs vote following 5-min presentations

#### Important Dates

**-April 6, 2026-** *Nomination Forms must be returned to the CPEA Office by 4:00 P.M.*

**-April 6, 2026-** If necessary, the ELT narrows the field to 5 finalists

**-April 13, 2026-** BLRs will hear presentations and select “Educator of the Year”

**-May 5, 2026-** The award will be presented at the CPEA Banquet at La Pizzaria!

**Ways to Get a Form:** Building Rep, [www.cpeaohio.com](http://www.cpeaohio.com), or call the office 330-455-2158

Recognize excellence — submit a nomination!

### NEA Representative Assembly 2026



July 3-7 in Denver, Colorado

If you are interested in attending through CPEA, please declare your intentions **by 4:00p.m. TODAY, March 6, 2026.** CPEA is allocated four (4) local delegates to send this year.

Upon declaring your intentions, your name will then be placed on a ballot to be voted upon by CPEA membership.

**CPEA will provide funding for the three (3) delegates who receive the most votes** to cover airfare, hotel, & meals. Expenses incurred beyond the amount funded by CPEA will be the responsibility of each delegate. Funding levels will be announced in March.

### Scholarships

April 9, 2026 – Deadline at 4:00 p.m. for the Nathaniel Roberts Scholarship, Samuel J. Dorto, Jr. Scholarship, & the Yvonne Parks Scholarship.

Digital versions of the above scholarships are now available at [www.cpeaohio.com](http://www.cpeaohio.com)

April 10, 2026 – Deadline at 4:00 p.m. for the CPEA Memorial Scholarship.



For Information regarding CPEA Scholarships or Awards please visit our website [www.cpeaohio.com](http://www.cpeaohio.com)  
Or call us at 330-455-2158

### CPEA Awards

Nominations are due April 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Nomination forms for the following awards are available at [www.cpeaohio.com](http://www.cpeaohio.com)

**Lay Person of the Year**

**Community Partnership Award**

**Samuel J. Dorto, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service**