



### Week of April 3, 2023

#### Lawmakers on two-week recess

The Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate are currently on a two-week recess and will return the week of April 17. During this time, House Speaker Rep. **Jason Stephens**, Finance Committee chairman Rep. **Jay Edwards**, and members of House leadership will review thousands of budget amendments submitted by House lawmakers and select which will be included in the House's first round of changes to House Bill 33 – the biennial budget bill. Those modifications will be unveiled in the House Finance Committee on either April 18 or 19. The Committee will then hold limited hearings on the new version of the bill, with a second and final round of changes to occur via an omnibus amendment the following week. House passage of the budget bill may occur as soon as April 26.

The budget bill will then head to the Senate, where the upper chamber will begin its review of the bill and, like the House, make an initial round of changes followed by a second and final round of modifications. In mid-June, a six-member Conference Committee will be convened to reconcile the differences between the House and Senate versions of the legislation, ultimately sending this version to Gov. **Mike DeWine**.

#### Heard around the Statehouse

"I think that you're going to see the will of our caucus to want to have some sort of (income tax) cut in there, but how deep that is, we'll see." - Rep. **Jay Edwards**, chairman of the House Finance Committee, speaking to reporters on the prospect of an income tax cut appearing in the House's version of the biennial budget bill.