

Alliance for High Quality Education
Legislative/System Improvements Committee

Zoom Meeting Summary
Friday, April 25, 2025
10:00 a.m.

In attendance on video conference: Executive Director Tony Podojil and Legislative Consultant William Schwartz and member representatives from 65 school districts.

Tony convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update Alliance members regarding the most recent legislative activity listed below:

I. MAJOR BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION

a. HB 96 – Main Operating Budget Bill

The House on April 9 passed the bill by a vote of 60-39. The bill contains a bridge funding formula, appearing to move away from the Fair School Funding Formula and, also capping school district carryover balances at 30% and redirecting amounts exceeding that threshold back to property taxpayers. A full summary of the changes is being shared with Alliance members. The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

b. SB 7 – Drug Prevention and Bullying/Hazing Education
The bill unanimously passed the Senate on April 9

II. RECENTLY INTRODUCED BILLS

- a. HB 203 – Increased Penalties in School Zones
- b. HB 205 – Financial Aid for Student Teacher and Teacher Pipeline Enhancements
- c. HB 209 – Exempt Tips from School District Income Taxes and Other Taxes
- d. HB 212 – Property Tax Deferral Program
- e. HB 215 – Prohibit Tax Levies from Taking Effect in the Current Year
- f. HB 223 – Require U.S. and Ohio Flag Purchase to be American Made
- g. HB 232 – Revise Property Tax Complaint Process
- h. SB 156 – Require Schools Teach the Success Sequence Curriculum
- i. SB 158 – Prohibit Cell Phone Use During Instructional Hours
- j. SB 168 – School District Acquisition of Preschool Facilities
- k. SB 173 – School District Territory Annexation Procedures

III. DEW and STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

VI. OTHER ISSUES

V. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is May 30, 2025, at 10am.
The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.