

Alliance for High Quality Education
Legislative/System Improvements Committee
Zoom Meeting Summary
Friday, April 4, 2025
10:00 a.m.

In attendance on video conference: Executive Director Tony Podojil and Legislative Consultant William Schwartz and member representatives from 58 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 Finance Committee on April 1 adopted a substitute bill making changes to the executive budget proposal from Gov. Mike DeWine. 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 25% and redirecting amounts exceeding that threshold back to property taxpayers. A full summary of the changes is being shared with Alliance members. The House will make a second round of changes to the bill on April 8 and pass the bill out of the House on April 9 where it advances to the Senate for consideration.

II. RECENTLY INTRODUCED BILLS

- a. HB 117 – Required Pledge of Allegiance
- b. HB 119 – Exit Orientation Programs at High Schools
- c. HB 124 – Property Tax Sales-Assessment Ratio Studies
- d. HB 125 – Excused Absences for 4-H and FFA
- e. HB 127 – Student Directory Information
- f. HB 129 – Inclusion of Millage into 20-Mill Floor
- g. HB 143 – Enhanced Property Tax Homestead Exemption
- h. HB 145 – Minimum Number of Hours in a School Year
- i. HB 150 – Requirements for Schools to Report Minor Labor Law Violations
- j. HB 153 – Partisan School Board Elections
- k. HB 154 – School District Approval of Residential CRAs
- l. HB 155 – Prohibit DEI in Public Schools
- m. HB 156 – Property Tax Freeze
- n. HB 164 – Reinstate Joint Education Oversight Committee
- o. HB 165 – Implicit Bias Training for Educators
- p. HB 179 – Statewide Screening System for Property Tax Reductions
- q. HB 186 – 20-Mill Floor Inflationary Cap
- r. HB 187 – Required Moment of Silence at Public Schools
- s. HB 189 – Required Behavioral Threat Management Operational Process
- t. HB 190 – Require Schools to Use Birth Names and Pronouns
- u. HB 191 – Minimum Teacher Salary of \$50,000
- v. SB 107 – Partisan School Board Elections
- w. SB 109 – Require Free Breakfast and Lunch at Public and Private Schools
- x. SB 113 – Prohibit Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public schools.
- y. SB 116 – Reduced TPP Assessment Rate for Pipeline Property
- z. SB 127 – Closure Requirements for Public Schools
- aa. SB 141 – Allow School Levies for Pre-Kindergarten Programs
- bb. SB 144 – Establish Three Grade Bands

III. DEW/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

VI. OTHER ISSUES

V. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is April 25, 2025, at 10am.
The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.