

Lawmakers share conceptual framework for school funding with State Board

As previously reported, the chair and ranking minority member of the House Finance subcommittee assigned two years ago to deliberate over K-12 education issues in the state biennial budget formed a work group to take a deep dive into Ohio's approach to school funding to serve as the basis for recommended improvements.

In creating the work group, Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima) and Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) acknowledged that the limited timeframe for introducing, deliberating over, and passing the state biennial budget doesn't allow for an overhaul of the current funding system, which Cupp described as more patches than formula.

The two legislators shared their conceptual framework for a plan aimed at reducing the financial uncertainty that schools and districts now face, which they hope will serve as the basis for change in the upcoming state biennial budget bill to be introduced by newly seated Gov. Mike DeWine (R-Cedarville) in March and passed by the 133rd General Assembly by June 30.

