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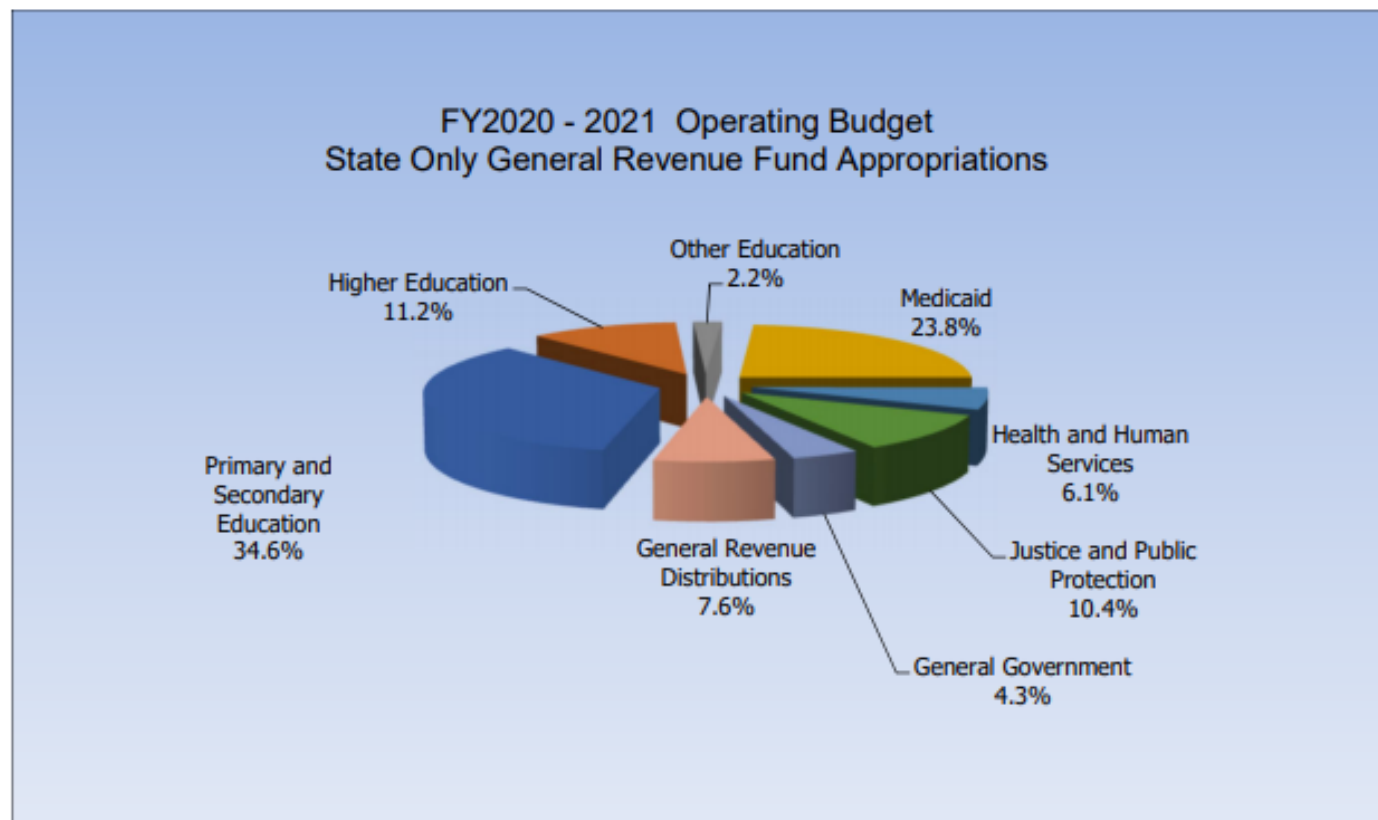


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Executive Budget Overview



This pie chart illustrates how state only GRF appropriations are split among the eight functional categories after removing those appropriations supported by federal reimbursement.

Executive Budget Overview

- **\$900 million for clean water**
- **\$550 million for student wellness**
- **\$200 million+ for RecoveryOhio** (mental illness and substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support services)
- **\$180 million for children's services agencies**
- **Maintain Medicaid at current levels (maintain expansion)**

Differing Calculations

Agency	FY19	FY20	FY21
OBM	\$23,093.5 million	\$24,015.9 million	\$24,454.5 million
LSC	\$22,896.9 million	\$23,668.6 million	\$24,293.7 million
Difference	\$196.6 million	\$347.3 million	\$160.8 million

>\$500 million

Executive Budget Overview: K-12 Investment

- **\$7.2 billion** in General Revenue Fund dollars for foundation funding for FY20 and FY21, a **3.7% increase** compared with FY19.
- DeWine K-12 priorities (per budget.ohio.gov):
 - “Student wellness and success” (mental health counseling, wraparound supports, mentoring, after school programs)
 - Prevention curricula and professional development for school personnel
 - School safety
 - Alternatives to ADCs

School Funding Formula

- DeWine did not propose a new school funding formula in his budget.
- Cupp-Patterson House school funding formula proposal expected next week.

School Transportation

- Remains steady for FY20 and FY21 at FY19 amount of \$527 million
- Possible natural gas bus tax

Student Wellness

- \$550 million (\$250 million in FY20, \$300 million in FY21) to “support student wellness and success in schools.” (i.e., mental health counseling, wraparound supports, mentoring, after school programs)
- Funding will be distributed to schools on a per pupil basis determined by census poverty data.

“It comes directly from what I have been hearing from teachers for years, and that is they want to teach in the classroom, but they are dealing with these other problems. Our argument is, we know that poor kids take more money.” – Governor DeWine

Vouchers

- Increase GRF funding by 20% for the income-based EdChoice scholarship program, from \$47.7 million to \$57.2 million in FY20 and to \$71 million in FY21 (24% increase).

Charter Schools

- New line item: \$30 million from lottery profits per year to per-pupil funding to charter schools designated as “schools of quality.”

Industry-Recognized Credentials

- New line item: \$25 to establish financial assistance program to support students who are enrolled in a post-secondary education or training provider program that may be completed in less than one year and for which college credit, a certificate, or an industry-recognized credential is awarded.

Prevention Education

- \$20 million for K-12 schools prevention curricula and professional development for school personnel.
 - \$18 million to ADAMHS boards
 - \$2 million to Educational Service Centers

EMIS

- A slight increase in funding, from \$7.6-\$8.1 million total over the biennium.

Report Card

- Approximately \$2 million in additional support for Accountability/Report Cards items.

Academic Distress Commission

Administration claims that budget will include:

“Language that provides alternatives [to ADCs] for school districts that are showing improvement.

These alternatives will promote interventions that improve academic performance, restore some local control over schools, and leave in place the option for state intervention when a school district has truly failed its students.”

Reactions from Legislators

"The Executive Branch did not seek input from the legislature prior to today. But we appreciate the considerable work and effort...The Ohio House will now begin preparing a two-year budget for the state." – **Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder (on Twitter)**

"We have serious concerns regarding the fiscal stability of the current proposal. We can't build a budget on broken economic assumptions or wishful thinking. We need to be honest and realistic about where new spending comes from." – **Ohio House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes**

"Our caucus will look at how the proposed budget impacts working Ohioans. We want to make sure every proposal and every line item helps us create an economy that works for everyone – not just the wealthy few." – **Ohio Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko**

"It's great to be a kid again in Ohio' is the theme of [Governor Mike DeWine's] State of State & what I've gleaned so far from his 1st introduced budget." – **Ohio State Senator Jay Hottinger (on Twitter)**

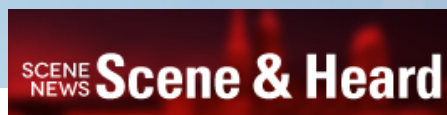
Media Coverage



DeWine budget sets stage for Ohio House's sweeping school-funding revamp

The Columbus Dispatch

Gov. DeWine's first budget defies expectations - in a good way: editorial



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DeWine Calls for Unprecedented Investment in Children's Services



Ohio budget plan targets funding for kids, workforce, water



Governor Unveils First Budget, With Priority On Kids And No Tax Hikes - Or Cuts



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Reactions from Organizations

- **Ohio Education Association:** Pleased with wraparound investments, but want details on funding
- **Ohio Federation of Teachers:** Concerned about insufficient support for K-12 public schools and shift to charters/vouchers
- **Fordham Institute:** Enthusiastic support especially for investments in wraparound services, EdChoice, charter schools, industry-recognized credentialing

K-12 Policy Implications

- **Report Cards**
- **Graduation Requirements**
- **Academic Distress Commission**
- **School Funding**
- **Vouchers**

Report Cards

- Momentum to overhaul or a moratorium
- Feedback is needed from the field
- Legislators want something but not sure how to move ahead without insight

Graduation Requirements

- ODE is collecting feedback from State Board workgroup on capstone and work experience requirements for class of 2020
- Ohio 8 is supportive of State Board recommendations
- The Alliance proposal is similar to State Board but with additional options beyond capstone for Ohio 8 consideration (see document)

Academic Distress Commission

1. **Repeal & Replace:** Rep Miller (D-Columbus) & Rep Jones (R-Freeport)
2. **Moratorium- HB 127:** Rep Smith (D-Cleveland) & Rep Hambley (R- Brunswick)
3. **Waiver:** Senator Lehner (R- Kettering)
4. **State Superintendent:** May 1st

ADC: First Ring & Mid Size Urban Prep

See separate agenda shared via email

ADC: Senator Lehner Staff Prep

- Reinforce our core principals as outlined in our feedback to them (included via email)
- What other questions do we have for her? t
- What does Lehner see as the biggest challenge in moving forward with the anticipated bill? Other Members?
- What do they need from us?

School Funding

- **Cupp Patterson Feedback/Questions**
- **Ohio 8 FAQ** (included via email)
- **Action Steps**

Vouchers

- **Rep. Koehler HB 122: 400% FPL (included via email)**
- **Pending Senator Huffman bill: 300% FPL**

Q & A



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Report Cards

- Survey

Graduation Requirements

- Response to the Alliance

Cupp Patterson

- Written Statement

Academic Distress Commission

- Written Statement

Vouchers

- Written Statement