

OHIO SCHOOL FUNDING

Simplified

ROSS IS A WEALTHY DISTRICT?!?



Despite the fact that you may feel you are struggling to make ends meet, the state deems Ross a "wealthy" school district, a distinction based on district property values and income, both of which continue to steadily increase.

THE STATE WILL GIVE THE DISTRICT MORE MONEY AT SOME POINT, RIGHT?

We can certainly hope so, but it's not looking likely anytime soon. Given that we are considered a "wealthy" district, the state expects us to spend more to fund our school district. Projections indicate that the state share will remain less than 40%.



MY PROPERTY TAXES HAVE INCREASED. DOESN'T THAT MEAN RLSD GETS MORE \$?



The amount of \$ RLSD receives from property taxes DOES NOT increase like inflation. When citizens pass a property tax levy, they are voting for set amount of money, not a rate. The last property tax levy passed in 1999. RLSD receives the same amount of money from that levy today as it did in 1999.

WHY CAN'T THE RLSD BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION JUST STOP SPENDING SO MUCH?

While the RLSD Board of Education approves all spending in the district, most of that spending consists of personnel salaries/benefits and other necessities such as utilities, bus fuel, and general supplies. Only a small % of the spending is "discretionary," meaning there's very little choice in overall expenditure.



RLSD PAYS FOR STUDENT GROWTH.



The district's primary goal is to offer a great educational experience for our families in a fiscally responsible way. When considering any expenditure, RLSD focuses on the potential impact on student growth before approval.