

**Board of Education
Worthington City School District
Franklin County Ohio**

The Board of Education of the Worthington City School District, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on April 28, 2025 at the Worthington Education Center, 200 East Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH, with the following members present:

Mrs. Jennifer Best	Mrs. Kelli Davis	Mrs. Amber Epling-Skinner
Mrs. Stephanie Harless	Mrs. Nikki Hudson	

Mrs. Best introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution guarantees a “thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state” (Article VI, Section 2), and the Ohio Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that the state’s school funding system must be both adequate and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proposed state budget, introduced as House Bill 96, maintained the Fair School Funding Formula but did not update its cost inputs, creating a decrease in funding for many districts; and

WHEREAS, the House amended HB96 to include a guarantee that no district receives less funding than last fiscal year, but in doing so, abandoned the Fair School Funding Formula; and

WHEREAS, the House further amended HB96 to include a provision that would reduce future school district revenue by implementing a statewide, uniform cap on the amount of funds carried over from year to year, which overrides the will of local voters and creates catastrophic instability for public education; and

WHEREAS, County Budget Commissions, consisting of 3 members in consultation and engagement with each school district to better understand its unique circumstances, already review school district millage rates on an annual basis to determine appropriateness; and

WHEREAS, the 135th Ohio General Assembly commissioned an in-depth, year-long study to review Ohio’s property tax laws and regulations, and that committee released multiple recommendations for consideration, none of which included a limit on school district cash balances, but did recommend "promoting transparency and predictability for the taxpayer", something the implementation of a cash limit would greatly undermine;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Worthington Schools Board of Education calls upon the Ohio Senate and Governor:

- to preserve local financial control by supporting districts’ rights to maintain appropriate cash balances by eliminating any limitation on carryover funds, ensuring districts can effectively plan, manage, and operate with the flexibility needed to best serve their communities; and
- to maintain the existing funding formula with updated inputs, as it was intended, while ensuring growing districts do not lose funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio Senate, the Governor of Ohio, and other relevant stakeholders.

Mrs. Hudson seconded the motion, and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: Best, Davis, Epling-Skinner, Harless, Hudson

Nays: None

The resolution passed.