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Dear Families and Community Members,

We want to make you aware of an important piece of legislation recently introduced at the Statehouse that could significantly impact the future of public education funding in Ohio.

Please note: House Bill 335 is a proposed piece of legislation and has not been passed into law. The information below outlines potential impacts if the bill is enacted in its current form.

What is House Bill 335?

On June 4, 2025, House Bill 335, "Property Tax Relief NOW Act," was introduced by Ohio Representatives. This bill includes significant changes to Ohio's property tax system that would drastically reduce the funding available to public schools across the state. These changes would result in the most significant loss of school funding in Ohio's history, amounting to over \$1.5 billion statewide each year, with no clear plan in place to replace that funding.

What does this mean for our community?

Our district, like many others, depends on local property tax dollars to fund daily operations and essential services. HB 335 would take away the flexibility we currently have to manage local funds and plan for the future. It could also eliminate funds we've dedicated to maintaining our buildings and infrastructure. It could jeopardize the programs, staffing, and resources that our students rely on every day.

For Parma City Schools, the implementation of HB 335 could mean:

- Loss of \$17 million/year from inside millage (11% of our general fund)
- Reduction of teaching staff, administrative personnel, and other staff members
- Cuts to curricular offerings and extracurricular activities
- Deferred building maintenance
- Increased levy requests

The potential outcomes listed above are considerations that the PCSD Board of Education and administration would need to evaluate and determine moving forward.

What can you do?

An <u>FAQ is linked here</u> to provide a more detailed explanation of the bill and its potential effects. We encourage families and community members to learn more and advocate for responsible solutions that protect both taxpayers and students.