



July 14, 2025

RE: Oppose Veto Overrides that Undermine Local Control in Public Education

Dear Representative Abrams,

On behalf of Madeira City Schools, one of Ohio's top-rated public school districts, we respectfully urge you to vote **NO** on any effort to override Governor DeWine's veto of key provisions in House Bill 96. Each veto was important to public education. We are grateful to the Governor for his leadership as well as our Madeira state legislators Senator Bill Blessing and House Representative Rachel Baker, both of whom stood in support of public education and who took our advocacy calls throughout this process.

Specific to any plans for meeting to consider overriding the Governor's veto decisions, we are requesting that you give special attention in voting **NO** on **Item 55**, which would allow **county budget commissions to override voter-approved school levies**.

This provision directly threatens the principle of **local control**, which has long guided the partnership between our schools and the communities we serve. Madeira residents, like those in districts across Ohio, thoughtfully consider and vote on school levies to fund the programs and services they believe are best for their children. Granting unelected county budget commissions the authority to unilaterally reduce the millage of these levies undermines and violates the trust of our voters and outs the future in the hands of those that do not live in our community.

In Madeira, we pride ourselves on responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars and maintaining high-quality educational programming. These vetoed provisions—if overridden—would create instability, invite unnecessary fiscal emergencies, and undermine what our voters have chosen time and again to support.

Governor DeWine's decision to veto these items reflects a thoughtful commitment to protecting Ohio's public schools and upholding the voices of local voters. We respectfully ask you to stand with students, families, and communities by **upholding these vetoes** and rejecting the override efforts being scheduled.

Thank you for your continued support of Ohio's public schools.

Sincerely,

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