CLEVELAND UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report
"3 Things"
Current State of Federal Funding
7/6/26

CH-UH Strategic Plan

Goal 5, Objective 3:

Inform and educate all stakeholders regarding District finances and school funding in Ohio.

#1 - The “MEGA” Grant

Consolidation = Significant Cuts

- The federal government plans to merge **17 separate programs** (like arts, music, and teacher training) into one single block grant.

  The Catch: The total money is cut by **70%**. Districts get more "freedom" to choose where to spend it, but there is far less money to go around.

#2-Protecting the Foundations

The Shield for Our Students

- Despite the "MEGA" cuts elsewhere, the two biggest programs remain intact:
- **Title I:** Money for high-poverty schools remains flat at $18.4 Billion, ensuring basic needs are met.
- **IDEA:** Funding for Special Education actually gets a **3.5% boost** to help with the rising costs of helping students with disabilities.

#3 -Impact for Districts

- **Budget Pressure:** With a $5M+ deficit already looming, CH-UH must decide between keeping counselors or smaller math classes.
- **Teacher Training:** Federal funds for training teachers are being cut. CH-UH may have to use local tax dollars to keep staff updated.
- **Vital Programs at Risk:** Since the MEGA grant prioritizes Math and Reading, other programs like mental health supports and technology will face the hardest choices.
- **It's a Proposal:** These changes aren't final yet! Congress is debating this budget right now for the 26-27 school year.

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Questions

https://www.chuh.org/departments/finance/public-school-funding