

Ohio School Funding Advisory Council Appointments

(as of November 18, 2009)

This 28 member council was established in House Bill 1. The council is to submit biennial recommendations for revising the components of the new evidence-based model (EBM) for funding schools in the following areas:

- Gifted education services
- Career-technical education, and the extent to which current funding for joint vocational school districts and compact and comprehensive career-technical schools is responsive to state, regional, and local business and industry needs
- Arts education
- Services for limited English proficient students
- Early college high schools
- Special education
- Educational Service Centers, and the extent to which they serve school districts
- Regional Service Delivery System, including governance structure and accountability metric
- Compensation and retirement benefits for teachers
- Community and STEM schools reporting requirements
- Open Enrollment
- Strategies and incentives to promote school cost-saving measures and efficiencies
- Options for adding learning time to the school year
- The adequacy of the model's accounting for and financing of operation costs
- The accuracy of the funding model's component calculations and the model as a whole
- Options to encourage "excellent" school districts and schools to go beyond state standards and aspire to higher international norms.
- Recommendations for fostering collaboration between school districts and community schools, including fiscal incentives for collaboration. A report shall be issued by September 1, 2010, and periodically thereafter.
- Recommendations for a student-centered evidence-based model that uses a per pupil level of funding to follow a student to the school that best meets the student's individual learning needs.

Deborah Delisle recently announced that Carey McDonald, former Education Policy Aide to Speaker Armond Budish, has been hired to coordinate the activities of the council.

Governor Ted Strickland's Appointments

Nathan DeRolph, of Newark, has been appointed as a parent representative. He is a father of two children, ages 6 and 1. In 1991, DeRolph and his parents filed a lawsuit against the State of Ohio for

failing to provide adequate funding to educate the state's students, which resulted in four Ohio Supreme Court rulings that the system of funding for public education was unconstitutional. He received a bachelor's degree in finance from the Ohio State University in 1999 and works at Fifth-Third Bank.

Robyn Essman, of Dayton, has been appointed as a community school representative. She has served as the executive of budget and financial management for the Columbus City Schools since 2008. Essman previously served as the budget director for the Dayton Public Schools from 2001-2008 and as the business manager for the Dayton Metro Library from 1987-2001. She currently serves as a member of the Ohio Association of School Business Officials. Essman received a bachelor's degree from Wright State University in 1975.

Sue Taylor, of Cincinnati, has been appointed as a teacher representative. She serves as the president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers, and serves as an educator in the Cincinnati Public School system as she has for the past 23 years. Taylor previously served as the president of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers. She received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1977 and 1978, respectively.

William Leibensperger, of Upper Arlington, has been appointed as a teacher representative. He serves as the vice president of the Ohio Education Association and as a teacher at Westland High School. He previously served as the secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Education Association from 2000-2006. Leibensperger received a bachelor's degree from Miami University in 1977 and a master's degree from the Ohio State University in 1983.

James McClure, of Painesville, has been appointed as a non-teacher, non-administrator representative. He serves as a material handler for the Mentor Public Schools. McClure previously served as a custodian for the Mentor Public Schools from 1985-1988. He was honored as the 2005 Education Support Professional of the Year by the Ohio Education Association. McClure is a graduate of Eastlake North High School.

JoAnn JohnTony, of Girard, has been appointed as a non-teacher, non-administrator representative. She serves as a custodian for the Girard City Schools and as the president for the Ohio Association of Public School Employees. JohnTony previously served as the vice president of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 425 from 1977-1981. She graduated from the National Labor College in 2007.

Dayvenia Chesney, of Dayton, has been appointed as the early child representative. She currently serves as the CEO for the Miami Valley Child Development Centers. Chesney previously served as the manager of operations for the Council on Rural Service Head Start Programs. She also serves as a member of the Ohio Early Childhood Advisory Council and serves on the board of directors for the Ohio Head Start Association. Chesney has earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree.

House Appointments

Representative Stephen Dyer (D), has been appointed as the Speaker's personal committee pick.

Representative Randy Gardner (R) has been appointed as the House Minority leader choice.

John Pierson, Treasurer of Akron City Schools has been appointed as the representative for school treasurers.

Renee Middleton, is Dean of the College of Education at Ohio University, has been appointed as the colleges of education representative.

William Hiller, Executive Director of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, has been appointed as the philanthropic organization representative.

Alan Hutchinson, treasurer and CFO of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, has been appointed as the community school fiscal officer representative.

Jan Kennedy, is Assistant Superintendent for Special Education of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools, has been appointed as the chartered, non-public schools representative.

George Wood, Principal of Federal Hocking High School, has been appointed as the principal representative.

Richard Murray, Superintendent of Muskingum Valley ESC, has been appointed as the Educational Service Center representative.

Senate Appointments

John Scheu, of Hardin-Houston Local Schools in Shelby County, has been appointed as the superintendent representative. Scheu has been an outspoken critic of the governor's evidence-based model, which he said contains too many unfunded mandates.

Michael D. Dawson of Bexley, has been appointed as the representative of the general public. Dawson is advisor to U.S Senator George Voinovich, former U.S. Senator Michael DeWine and Ohio Senator Jon

Lynn Elfner, CEO of the Ohio Academy of Science, has been appointed as the Ohio Academy of Science representative.

Kathryn Lorenz, president of the Loveland City School Board in Hamilton County, has been appointed as the school board representative.

Adrienne O'Neill of the Stark Education Partnership, has been appointed as the business community representative.

Richard Lukich, of Constellation Schools in Independence, has been appointed as the charter school representative.

Dave Huelsman, of Reynoldsburg , has been appointed as the charter school parent representative.

Neil Gupta, director of secondary curriculum for Ashland City Schools, is the Senate president's personal committee pick.

Sen. Tom Sawyer, D-Akron, has been appointed as choice of the Senate minority leader.