

# Southwest Local Schools: Financial Impact



**District Faces \$3.1M+ in State Funding Reductions**

*Informing Our Community About Funding, Costs, and Choices Ahead*



## Efficiency & Performance

- Lowest Per-Student Spending in Hamilton County
- Top 2% in Transportation Efficiency in Ohio
- Top 10% in Financial Efficiency in Ohio
- Top 1% for Fewest Administrators per Student in Ohio
- 2nd Lowest Tax Rate in County Behind Indian Hill
- 2024 - 2025 State Report Card: 4 Stars (Exceeding Expectations)
- 5 Stars in College & Career Readiness (#1 in Ohio for Our Size)
- 92% Student Participation in Extracurriculars
- 96.4% Graduation Rate



## Legislative Impacts

- State cuts = \$2M Loss per Year (10% of State Support)
- Southwest Among Only 6 Districts With >\$1.5M Loss in 2027
- HB15: Reduces Utility Tax Valuations → \$300K/Year Loss
- Federal Title I Cuts → \$250K Loss in FY26
- Future Impacts Possible With HB186, HB129, HB309
- These Legislative Impacts Could Result in an Additional \$3M - \$6M Loss in Planned Funding



## Levy Options Considered by Board

- 0.25% Earned Income Increase → \$2.5M (Reductions Still Required)
- 0.50% Earned Income Increase → \$5.0M (No Reductions Needed)
- 3 Mill Operating Levy → \$3.19M (Fixed Revenue)
- 4 Mill Operating Levy → \$4.26M (Fixed Revenue)
- 5 Mill Operating Levy → \$5.32M (Fixed Revenue)
- Under the Override of Veto Item No. 66, Districts Not in Fiscal Emergency Can No Longer Place New Emergency or Replacement Levies on the Ballot → Effective October 1, 2025



## How Property Tax is Calculated

- Example: \$100K Home Value
- Assessed at 35% → \$35K
- \$1 per \$35K in Valuation = \$35 per Mill per \$100K in Total Home Value/\$35K in Assessed Valuation

## The Home Impact In Harrison, Ohio

Average Home  
Value = \$221K

Average  
Home Income  
= \$100K



Revenue From 1 Average  
Home = \$5,842:

*State Aid: \$2,774*

*Earned Income: \$750*

*Property Tax: \$1,547*

*Other: \$771*



Cost to Educate 1  
Student = \$12,954

*Net Loss: \$7,112 per  
Student Household*

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