

Perkins Local Schools

*Protecting high quality education
for our students and community during
Fiscal Caution status*

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Perkins is an Outlier

- Local support is the base funding model in Ohio
- 12 unsuccessful levy attempts in 17 years
- Less than 1% of all Ohio districts in fiscal emergency (**4 out of 608 districts**)
- 2% of districts in Fiscal Caution (**12 out of 608 districts**)
- Perkins is one of the top 10% of wealthiest districts in Ohio (**ranked 52nd out of 608 districts**)
- Perkins is funded in the lowest 1/3 of districts for local tax effort (**432 out of 608**)

Timeline: How we got here.

- July 2016 - Perkins Schools placed in Fiscal Caution by the State.
- Aug. 2016 - Fiscal Caution plans (A&B) sent to Ohio Department of Education.
- Fiscal Caution plan communications
 - Presented at school events
 - Newspaper articles
 - “Between the Lines”
 - Superintendent updates
 - Five-year forecast
- Plan A (7.9-mill levy) not approved by a majority of voters in Nov. election (48% For/52% Against).
- Plan B collaboration
 - Nov. 16th and Dec 6th with PEA/OAPSE leaders
 - Administrative team meetings (Dec – Jan)
 - Dec 7th Board work session
- Jan. 2017 - Board votes to place reduced levy of 6.9 mills (Issue 3) on May 2, 2017 ballot.
- Feb. 2017 - Board approves permanent reductions of \$1.5 million.

Plan A and Plan B

PLAN A	PLAN B
November 2016: 7.9 mill levy	\$1.5 million permanent reductions and May 2017: 6.9 mill levy (Issue 3)

- Plan A not supported by a majority of voters in November (48% For/52% Against)
 - No new money for fiscal year 2018, unless Issue 3 passes in May and then 50% collected in January.
 - Ohio biennium budget decreases Perkins' state funding by an additional 4%.
- Plan B (voter approval of Issue 3 + \$1.5 million in cuts) now required to sustain educational quality, end deficit spending, and prevent fiscal emergency

Plan B Reductions

Plan B reductions approved by the Board in February 2017 are permanent and will remain even with passage of Issue 3 in May.

- 6 teachers grades K-5, increasing class size
- 1 intervention specialist middle school
- 1 team teacher middle school
- 15 paraprofessionals, eliminating shared services
- 4 interventions specialists, eliminating shared services
- Executive Director – 40% time reduction
- Testing coordinator
- Title One coordinator
- Special education compliance coach
- 1 nurse
- 1 technician
- 1 special education coordinator
- 4 bus drivers (routes extended to .5 to 1 mile of school buildings)
- .5 high school English teacher
- 1 high school culinary/career tech teacher
- 1 high school gifted teacher
- 1 high school guidance secretary
- 1 high school paraprofessional
- 20% nursing hours
- Elimination of busing shuttle service
- Athletic reductions, 1 coach per team

Kindergarten - 5th Grade Impact

We understand and value the importance of personalized attention, especially for younger students; therefore, the Board tried to minimize class size increases with the necessary reduction under Plan B.

Grade	2016-17 School Year Class size (total teachers)	Plan B Approved for 2017-18 school year	Plan C Considerations for Fiscal Year 2019 if Issue 3 does not pass in May
K	22 (7)	22 (5)	No maximum class size
1	20 (7)	25 (6)	“
2	21 (5)	25 (4)	“
3	23 (5)	26 (4)	“
4	22 (5)	26 (5)	“
5	23 (5)	26 (4)	“
Multi-grade	22-25 (8)	26 (7)	“
K-5	One counselor per building		None
K-5	One nurse		None
K-5	One Secretary & an Office Aide		One secretary

Middle School Impact

The Board prioritized that teaming is important to meeting the specific academic and social/emotional needs of middle school children; therefore, the teaming model is protected with Plan B, but with fewer resources.

Plan B Approved for 2017-18 school year		Plan C Considerations for Fiscal Year 2019 if Issue 3 does not pass in May
1 team teacher eliminated	7 th & 8 th grade teaming	No teaming
1 intervention specialist (IS) eliminated	Caseload of 1 IS:10 students	Caseload of 1 IS:16 students
	One counselor	None
	PHS & Briar shared nurse	None
	Secretary & Office Aide	One secretary

High School Impact

The Board worked diligently to use best practices to make reductions and still preserve AP/Honors/STEM and other supports for high school students to ensure a multitude of pathways to graduation and rigorous courses to prepare students for career and college readiness.

Plan B Approved for 2017-18 school year		Plan C Considerations for Fiscal Year 2019 if Issue 3 does not pass in May
.5 English teacher	English I – IV, AP, and electives offered (24 credits)	Graduation requirements English I- IV (20 credits)
1 culinary/career tech	EHOVE program offered STEM career/tech courses	No career/tech courses
1 gifted teacher	Honors and AP courses HQ teachers will monitor student growth and WEPs	No gifted education
Guidance secretary	HS secretary to support	One HS secretary
Study hall monitor Paraprofessional	No study halls	Study halls replace electives
20% nursing hours	One HS nurse	One nurse for all of district

Transportation Impact

Completely eliminating high school busing will not be considered for Perkins, because we would lose a significant amount of state funding. However, Plan B reductions do include implementing some efficiency routes and measures, causing some reductions in busing services for the coming school year.

Plan B Approved for 2017-18 school year		Plan C Considerations for Fiscal Year 2019 if Issue 3 does not pass in May
4 drivers eliminated. Routes preserved for students beyond 0.5 to 1 mile of schools.	All Meadowlawn students transported. Reductions in other school routes.	Busing only for students 2 miles or farther from school buildings
St. Mary's hub model	100% transportation support	Busing only for students 2 miles or farther
Cancel shuttle service	Will not return	Will not return

Athletics/Extracurriculars Impact

We will diligently work to preserve valuable athletic and extracurricular opportunities for our students, but there will be reduced assistant coaches with Plan B beginning in the Spring of the current school year (2016-17). Additional support will only be provided only when high student participation numbers warrant it.

Plan B Approved for 2017-18 school year		Plan C Considerations for Fiscal Year 2019 if Issue 3 does not pass in May
Assistant coaches reduced (1 coach per team)	All sports teams based on participation numbers (and corresponding pay-to-play and safety needs)	Cut middle school sports. Cut freshman sports. Remaining sports 100% pay-to-play funded.

Additional, Continued Cost Efficiencies

- Decrease in sub coverage spending by 30%
- Reduced instructional spending by 30%
- Reduced copier spending by 30%
- Decreased custodial overtime due to building closures after school hours
- Reduced ELL and credit recovery tutors
- Early drop-off changes for personnel savings
- No base pay increase since 2008 will be continued

Issue 3: Perkins Schools' Levy

- 6.9-mill levy for day-to-day operations of our schools.
- Together, with Plan B reductions, sustains current educational quality, ends deficit spending, and prevents fiscal emergency.
- Taxpayer cost is less than \$5 a week or about \$20 a month per \$100,000 of property value.
- Election Day is May 2, 2017.
- Early voting begins April 4, 2017.