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## DeWine Unveils His First Executive Budget Proposal

On Friday, March 15, 2019 Governor DeWine released his Executive Budget detailing his spending plans for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020 and 2021. Below is a review of the governor's proposals. Please note that there is little detail at this point as the actual budget language has yet to be released. We expect that the language in the form of a bill will be introduced later this week. OEA Government Relations staff will share additional information as it becomes available.

### K-12 Education

#### School Funding

The governor's proposed budget provides \$550 million over the biennium to support at-risk students by providing wraparound services, mental health counseling, mentoring, and other means of addressing student needs. School districts will be encouraged to partner with local nonprofit service providers such as educational service centers, county mental health, addiction and job and family services agencies to provide the services.

Under the proposal, school districts will not see an automatic increase in general aid and are guaranteed to receive at least what they did this fiscal year. According to the administration, every district would be guaranteed a minimum of \$25,000 in FY 2020 and \$30,000 in FY 2021 from the new fund. Additional money would be distributed based on a district's percentage of students in poverty. These amounts will range from \$20 to \$250 in FY 2020 and \$25 to \$300 in FY 2021.

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You may view the Student Wellness and Success Funding district-by-district simulations by clicking [here](#). It is important to recognize that these figures are not final and will likely change during the budget process.

## Charter Schools and Vouchers

The governor has proposed an additional \$60 million over the biennium in per-pupil funding for charter schools that deemed a "school of quality." The proposal does not define what requirements are needed to earn that designation. The Ohio Department of Education will also receive an increase in funding for charter school oversight from \$2.5 million in FY 2019 to \$7 million in both FY 2020 and FY 2021.

The proposal also increases the appropriation for the income-based EdChoice Voucher expansion from 47.7 million in FY 2019 to \$57.2 million in FY 2020 and \$71 million in FY 2021 in order to fund the addition of grades 6 and 7 to the program which was passed during the Kasich administration.

## Additional Provisions

- The proposal freezes ODE line items for school transportation funding, early childhood education and adult education at FY 2019 levels in both years of the biennium.
- The proposal allocates \$20 million for drug abuse prevention curriculum for Ohio's children, including \$2 million for educational service centers to provide professional development to teachers on drug abuse prevention education.
- The budget provides an additional \$60 million in federal funding to nutrition programs such as school lunch and breakfast programs.

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## Higher Education

### State Share of Instruction

The proposal continues the performance-based funding formula and provides for a 1.1% increase in funding in FY 2020 over FY 2019 levels and a 1% increase in FY 2021 over FY 2020 levels.

### Ohio College Opportunity Grant

The proposal increases funding for the Ohio College Opportunity Grants that is projected to increase student awards by \$400 in FY 2020 and \$500 in FY 2021.

### Choose Ohio First Scholarship

The proposal provides for a \$24 million increase in funding over the biennium for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship. Ohio students who are majoring in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, STEM Education and Medicine may qualify for the scholarship.

### Central State and Shawnee State Supplements

The budget maintains funding for these supplements at FY 2019 levels in both FY 2020 and FY 2021.

## Developmental Disabilities

### Overall Funding

The budget projects that state General Revenue Funding for FY 2020 will be \$717.4 million (5.5% increase from FY 2019) and \$719.1 million in FY 2021 (0.2% increase from FY 2020).

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## County Board Subsidies and County Board Case Management Line Items

Beginning in FY 2020, the budget proposal consolidates line items. The County Board Subsidies line item that provided funding to county boards to assist with the cost of services and administration and the County Board Case Management line item that provided direct support to county boards for case management services are now appropriated in the Medicaid Services line item. The Medicaid Services line item is increased by 11.9% in FY 2020 over FY 2019 levels. The proposal indicates that the increase in the Medicaid Services appropriation is not just as a result of the consolidation.

## Employment First Initiative

The budget provides for a \$2.7 million appropriation in each year of the biennium to support the Employment First Initiative.

## **State Council of Professional Educators (SCOPE)**

Below are notable line items, as proposed by the Governor, for state agencies employing SCOPE members. The FY 2020 percentage change is based on FY 2019 figures; the FY 2021 percentage change is based on FY 2020 figures. The available budget information does not reveal major policy changes impacting SCOPE members in these state agencies.

## **Department of Rehabilitation and Correction**

Institution Education Services	FY 2020 – \$33.6million – flat funded FY 2021 – \$33.9 million – 0.9% increase
Education Services	FY 2020 – \$4.5 million – 3.8% decrease FY 2021 – \$4.6 million – 2.5% increase

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Prisoner Programs                      FY 2020 – \$400,000 – 63.0% decrease  
FY 2021 – \$400,000 – flat funded

Grand Total DRC (All Line-Items)    FY 2020 – \$1.9 billion – 2.9% increase  
FY 2021 – \$2.0 billion – 3.6% increase

## Department of Youth Services

RECLAIM Ohio                              FY 2020 – \$171.7 million – 7.3% increase  
FY 2021 – \$177.8 million – 3.5% increase

Education Services                      FY 2020 – \$3.20 million – 0.9% increase  
FY 2021 – \$3.29 million – 2.8% increase

Education                                    FY 2020 – \$1.0 million – 25.3% increase  
FY 2021 – \$1.01 million – 1.7% increase

Vocational Education                    FY 2020 – \$1.46 million – 0.6% increase  
FY 2021 – \$1.46 million – flat funded

Grand Total DYS (All Line-Items)    FY 2020 – \$238.4 million – 3.7% increase  
FY 2021 – \$247.5 million – 3.8% increase

## School for the Deaf

Grand Total for the Deaf  
(All Line-Items)                            FY 2020 – \$13.9 million – 12.7% increase  
FY 2021 – \$14.5 million – 3.7% increase

## School for the Blind

Grand Total for the Blind                FY 2020 – \$14.1 million – 13% increase  
FY 2021 – \$14.2 million – 1.0% increase

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## State Library Board

Grand Total State Library Board      FY 2020 – \$21.9 million – flat funded  
FY 2021 – \$21.9 million – flat funded

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