



2025 Ohio Legislative Update – Groveport City Council

1) State Income Tax Relief

- 2025: top income-tax bracket reduced from 3.5% to 3.125%.
- 2026: Ohio adopts a flat income tax of 2.75%.
- Zero tax for incomes at or below \$26,050.
- Local impact: more take-home pay → stronger Main Street spending in Groveport.

2) School Funding

- Enrollment growth FY20→FY25: ~9.7% (≈6,243 students).
- State Foundation Aid (incl. performance supplement):
- FY25: \$40,317,665 - *Groveport Schools*
- FY26: \$42,560,432 (Δ FY25→FY26: \$2,242,767)
- FY27: \$40,325,101 (Δ FY26→FY27: \$-2,235,332)
- Scale: FY26 increase ≈ 2.1% of total operating revenue (FY24 base ≈ \$105,534,331).
- Takeaway: stable state support sized to enrollment with performance incentives.

3) Housing & Community Development

- REDDs: \$25M for Residential Economic Development Districts near major job centers.
- Rural Housing Development Fund: Infrastructure/ Site-Prep Loans: \$100M low-interest revolving loan fund to ready housing sites where gaps are largest.
- Local impact: aligns infrastructure & zoning to add workforce housing near Groveport employers.

4) Supporting Families

- Childcare vouchers: \$100M+ for families up to 200% FPL.
- Early childhood education: 19% increase (total \$260M).

Childcare Cred Program:

- Ohio Fatherhood Commission: \$20M for the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative.

5) Property Tax Relief

- Median Ohio property tax ↑ 23% (2019–2023), above the U.S. average (21.6%).
- Ohio General Assembly plan (conservative): return excess district reserves to taxpayers; projected \$2.5B+ relief.
- Status: Governor vetoed several reforms; legislature considering veto overrides during recess.
- Context: Ballot measure to eliminate property taxes entirely in 2026 poses major risks to schools/services.
- My objective: Balanced relief that protects homeowners AND sustains essential local services. June Tele-townhall on School Funding with school treasurers from District 3; July Tele-townhall on Housing and Property Taxes with county auditors from District 3; facilitating ongoing briefings with local boards/councils, and roundtable discussions with constituent groups