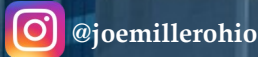


A Legislative Update from

# STATE REP. JOE MILLER



House District 53



## District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

As we approach the close of this General Assembly, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we’ve made and the work that lies ahead. This session has been one of dedication and collaboration, and I’m proud of the strides we’ve taken to address the priorities of our community. From passing key legislation (see pg. 3) to securing funding for critical local projects (see pg. 2), we’ve worked hard to make a meaningful impact for the residents of Lorain County.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support—it remains my honor to serve as your state representative. As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, concerns, thoughts, or ideas. My office can be reached at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- Ribbon Cutting for the El Centro Opportunity Center
- Lorain County Junior Fair Board donates 32, 580 pounds of food , and wins 1st place in the “Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer” contest
- Amherst Steele High School Cheerleading Team 2024 Division I & II OHSCCA Non-Building Best in the State, Grand Champion

## Digital Newsletter Signup

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# Capital Budget Projects in Lorain County

Project	Funding Amount
Lorain County Community College Desich Entrepreneurship Center 3rd Floor Microelectronics Training Hub Project	\$2,500,000
Lorain County Fairs Project	\$2,500,000
French Creek Sports Complex Project	\$2,000,000
Boys and Girls Club of Elyria South Project	\$1,000,000
Lorain County PACE Site Modifications Project	\$1,000,000
Nord Center Capital Improvement Project	\$1,000,000
Lorain County Administrative Building Project	\$750,000
North Ridgeville Cypress Avenue Project	\$700,000
Sheffield Lake Field House Rec Complex Project	\$600,000
Black River Landing Amphitheater Project	\$500,000
Root Road Park Improvements	\$500,000
Haven Center Emergency Shelter/Neighborhood Alliance Project	\$500,000
Vocational Guidance Services (VGS) Lorain Project	\$500,000
Lorain County Health and Dental Facility Project	\$375,000
Renew Avon Lake Play Space Project	\$350,000
Elyria Public Library West River Branch Project	\$300,000
Lorain Hispanic Veterans Memorial Project	\$300,000
Wilson Bruce Evans House Project	\$250,000
Lorain County Kennel Project	\$250,000
El Centro Facility Improvement Project	\$200,000
Good Knights Bed Building Center Project	\$150,000
Sheffield Village Colorado Avenue Side Path Project	\$150,000
Lorain County Safe Harbor Roof and Parking Project	\$115,000
Beyond the Walls Project	\$100,000
Carlisle Township Hall Project	\$100,000
VFW Roof Repairs in Wellington Post 6941 Project	\$12,276

# HB 78: PASSED

HB 78 passed unanimously on December 4th, after passing through both chamber committees unanimously as well.

HB 78 empowers reemployed retired teachers to seek election to the STRS Board, therefore giving a voice to the many reemployed retirants working in the STRS covered positions. Please see <https://ohiohouse.gov/legislation/135/hb78> for more details.

<b>H.B. 78*</b> 135 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly	<b>Bill Analysis</b> <a href="#">Click here for H.B. 78's Fiscal Note</a>
<b>Version:</b> As Reported by Senate Insurance	
<b>Primary Sponsors:</b> Reps. Seitz and J. Miller	
Kailey Henry, Research Analyst	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Makes retired teachers who are reemployed in positions covered by the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) eligible to seek election to the STRS Board.</li></ul>	

## El Centro Opportunity Center of Lorain Ribbon Cutting

I was honored to present a commendation on December 5th in celebra-



tion of the ribbon cutting for El Centro's Opportunity Center of South Lorain. The community came together to make this possible, and will connect Lorain residents to opportunities for economic growth and beyond.

# The Mermaid's Tale (Amherst) Commendation

Congratulations to the Mermaid's Tale in Amherst for being awarded the 2023 1st Place Pandora Shop in Shop Store of the Year in their North American Market! This incredible achievement highlights the store's outstanding service, exceptional customer experience, and leadership under Judy Recknagel, who has been a cornerstone of downtown Amherst for 32 years. Thank you for representing our community with such excellence and passion—this honor is well-deserved!



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- Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities:  
(440) 329 3734
- Lorain County Income Tax Department:  
(440) 204 1002
- Lorain County Veteran's Services:  
(440) 284 4625
- Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County
  - Crisis Hotline: 1-800-888-6161
  - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
  - Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988
- Lorain County Educational Service Center: 440-324-5777



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