

A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REP. MICHELE GRIM

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Michele Grim is a strong voice for northwest Ohio, representing the 43rd District (encompassing part of the City of Toledo and the Village of Ottawa Hills) in the Ohio House.

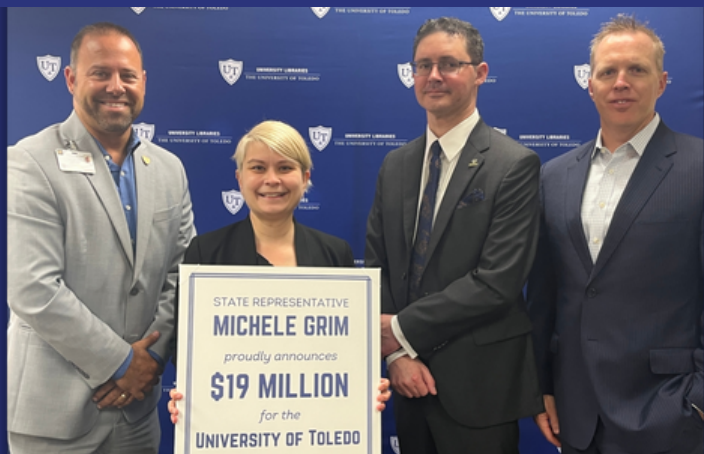
Rep. Michele Grim welcomes educators back to school

Last week, Rep. Michele Grim visited local schools in Toledo Public Schools, Washington Local Schools, and Ottawa Hills Local Schools to deliver cookie trays for teachers and staff beginning the new school year and thank them for their devotion to their students.

"The dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment our public school teachers and staff demonstrate to our students does not go unnoticed," says Rep. Grim. "I look forward to continuing to work with educators to strengthen our local schools and ensure our kids have the resources they need to thrive."



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\$19 Million allocated to University of Toledo in Ohio capital budget

State Rep. Michele Grim was recently joined by University of Toledo leaders including interim President Matt Schroeder for a press conference discussing funding secured for the university in the recently passed biennial state capital budget (H.B. 2). The funds will be used for crucial infrastructure improvement projects, including Carlson Library renovations.

"Rockets get things done! From unleashing the power of solar energy to shaping the future of medicine, our University of Toledo is leading innovation and shaping the next generation of doers. I'm proud to deliver \$19 million in Ohio's capital budget for improvements," said Rep. Grim, a UT graduate.

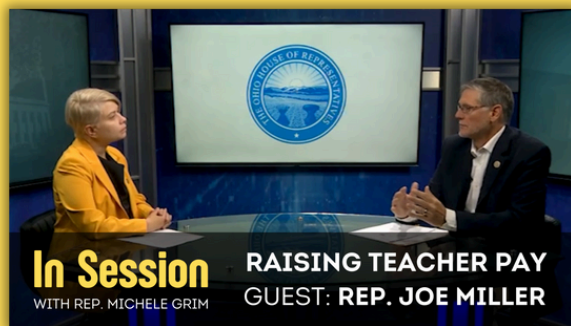
Rep. Grim also recently joined university and community leaders in breaking ground on a new pedestrian bridge over Douglas Road that will more directly connect the school's engineering buildings to the rest of the main campus, improving safety for pedestrians and motorists.



Rep. Grim, Ohio House recognize award-winning UT athletics programs

Under the leadership of interim President Matt Schroeder and vice president for intercollegiate athletics Bryan Blair, the University of Toledo is working to strengthen the school's relationship with Rocket fans in our community. UT's athletics programs are a great source of pride for Toledo.

Rep. Michele Grim recently presented the university with an Ohio House commendation for being awarded both the Jacoby Trophy and the Reese Trophy this year as the Mid-American Conference's top women's and men's athletics programs, respectively. This is the first time UT has received both awards in the same year.



H.B. 411 would raise base pay for Ohio public school teachers

Ohio's average teacher salary has for years lagged behind the national average. Representative Joe Miller (D-Amherst), a former teacher, has introduced H.B. 411 to raise the statewide minimum base salary for teachers from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Rep. Grim, a co-sponsor, recently discussed the effort with Rep. Miller on *In Session*.

Watch all episodes of *In Session* at: <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/michele-grim/video>