

People first.

The LEAP Initiative



The Learning & Education Advancement Package (LEAP) Initiative are House Democrats' K-12 education legislation to address the challenges and fairness issues schools, teachers, and students face in Ohio.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT with fair funding and trusting educators to give opportunities to kids. **A+**

- **House Bill (HB) 10**, sponsored by Reps. Bride Rose Sweeney (D-Westlake) and Jamie Callender (R-Concord) to affirm the state legislature's commitment to the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP).
- **HB 387**, sponsored by Reps. Lauren McNally (D-Youngstown) and Juanita Brent (D-Cleveland) to eliminate the failed policy of government Academic Distress Commissions (ADCs).
- **HB 582, School Busing Improvement Act**, sponsored by Reps. Phil Robinson (D-Solon) and Beryl Brown Piccolantonio (D-Gahanna) to Provides funding for school bus repairs and replacement, and create fairer standards around school transportation rules for busing private school students.
- **HB 595, Universal Preschool Act**, sponsored by Rep. Robinson to create an optional, half-day, public preschool program and require free, full day kindergarten.

STUDENT SUPPORT by addressing poverty and the socio-economic realities our children face. **A+**

- **HB 348**, sponsored by Reps. Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati) and Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) to create the Graduation Incentive Pilot Program, using financial incentives to improve attendance and graduation rates.
- **HB 408**, sponsored by Reps. Brewer (D-Cleveland) and Ismail Mohamed (D-Columbus) to provide universal public school meals to students.

TEACHER SUPPORT by tackling the teacher shortage and retention with dignity in their profession. **A+**

- **HB 411**, sponsored by Rep. Joe Miller (D-Amherst) to increase teachers' minimum base salary to \$50,000.
- **HB 563, Future Educators Support Act**, sponsored by Rep. Sean Brennan (D-Parma) to support student teachers with rules to allow minimum wage or healthcare, cost-of-living stipends, test fee waivers, and tuition waivers.
- **HB 574**, sponsored by Reps. Robinson and Brent to create teacher and school staff paid family leave.

CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT to reform and give parental awareness of who runs our schools. **A+**

- **HB 561**, sponsored by Reps. Brennan and Veronica Sims (D-Akron) to end for-profit operators of charter schools.
- **HB 581, Charter School Oversight Act**, sponsored by Reps. Brown Piccolantonio and Isaacsohn to end a loophole to keep open schools that are dropped by their sponsor and are in-auditable, require parental notification of charter school report cards, and performance comparisons between charters and their local public school.
- **HB 591, Charter School Sponsor & Operator Rating Act**, sponsored by Reps. Brennan and Rachel Baker (D-Cincinnati) to create easily accessible report card ratings for charter schools' sponsors and operators.

VOUCHERS ACCOUNTABILITY with fiscal oversight of taxpayer dollars going to private schools. **A+**

- **HB 567, EdChoice Fair Fiscal Responsibility Act**, sponsored by Reps. Robinson and Brennan to cap the income limit on EdChoice vouchers and keeps the program focused on helping working-class and poorer families.
- **HB 575, Private School Accountability and Transparency Act**, sponsored by Reps. Isaacsohn and Robinson to require oversight around financial accountability, fair testing transparency, and other standards for private schools where 25% or more of their students receive vouchers.