

## State Budget Update—District Financial Forecasting Workshop

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### Overview

- Key Issues with the State Funding Formula
  - What is new in the 2018/2019 Biennial Budget
- What factors are influencing State Aid?
  - Both the current biennium and beyond
- How are the Valuation Issues also Impacting Local Revenue?



## State Aid and the Current Budget

- Base per pupil aid is \$6,010 in 2018 and \$6,020 in 2019
  - In 2017 it was \$6,000
- Implications of the slow growth
  - Little opportunity for inflationary growth
  - In 2018, lack of growth is contributing to more guarantee districts
  - In 2019, lack of growth yields little opportunity to move off the cap or guarantee
- Special Education, ELL, Economic Disadvantaged, Targeted Assistance, Gifted, and K-3 Literacy aid have no built in base growth in either 2018 or 2019



## State Aid and the Current Budget

- Base Capacity Aid increased 14.3% from 2017 to 2018
  - This will help many small districts
- Base Transportation Aid is reduced for districts with State Share Indexes below 50%
  - For districts with SSI below, 37.5%, the cut in aid is 25% in 2018
  - For districts with SSI below 25%, the cut in aid is an additional 33% in 2019 (from 2018)



## State Aid and the Current Budget

- Funding Cap and Guarantee are both impacted by changes in Total Average Daily Membership (ADM) between FY 2014 and FY 2016
  - The cap is impacted if ADM grew by more than 3%
  - The guarantee is impacted if ADM fell by more than 5%
- The base cap is 3% growth in 2018 from 2017 and another 3% from 2018 to 2019
- The base guarantee both years is FY 2017 total state aid



## State Aid and the Current Budget

#### • Funding Cap Exceptions

- If ADM grew more than 3%, the cap is the lesser of ADM growth or 5.5% in 2018 and ADM growth or 6% in 2019
- In addition, 27 districts who are capped in 2018 but lost more in TPP reductions than they gained in state aid get a supplement for the difference
- Funding Guarantee Exception
  - Districts with losses of ADM in excess of 5% have there guarantee reduced by the difference between the percent loss and 5%, with a maximum loss of 5% (this is total funding)



## Cap and Guarantee Districts

	FY 2017, Final #2 Payment	FY 2018, October #2 Payment
Number of Guarantee Districts	140	348
Number of Capped Districts	151	95



## Why More Guarantee Districts

- The impact of Current Agricultural Use Values (CAUV)
  - The big CAUV increases in 2013 and 2014 were not fully captured in the FY 2016/2017 biennium
  - They are fully captured in 2018/2019
- The \$10 increases in per pupil funding in 2018 and 2019 are not able to overcome the CAUV impacts



## Why More Guarantee Districts

	Number of Districts		
Per Pupil Values from 2017 to 2018 increased by over 10%	59		
Per Pupil Values by 5% to 10%	168		
Per Pupil Values by 3% to 5%	131		
Statewide Increase in per pupil values from 2017 to 2018	2.95%		

59% of all districts grew faster than the state as a whole, 227 significantly faster



## Why More Guarantee Districts

- Many of the districts growing faster than the state are small and agricultural property heavy
- These are most of the new districts going onto the guarantee
- There are 179 districts that had valuation per pupil grow at least twice as fast as the state
  - There are 208 more districts on the guarantee

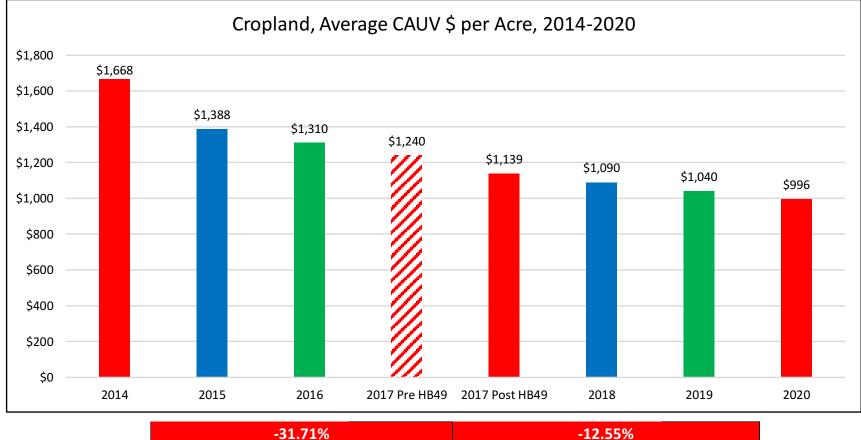


## Why Fewer Capped Districts

- Many agricultural districts moved from being on the cap to on the guarantee because of valuation increases
- Falling enrollment in capped districts will have cause districts to come off the cap
- The 3% cap growth coupled with minimal per pupil base growth would have moved districts that were marginally on the cap in 2017



# What is Happening Going Forward



-21.47% -20.61%



## What is Happening Going Forward

- In counties going through reappraisal or triennial update in 2017, CAUV values are expected to decline by an average of 31.7% statewide
- In 2018 counties, CAUV values are expected to decline 21.5%
- In 2019 counties, CAUV values are expected to decline 20.6%



#### 2017 Tentative Residential Valuation Changes

	Recommended	Tentative		Tentative		Tentative
County	Increase	Change	County	Change	County	Change
Ashland	13.0%	12.2%	AUGLAIZE	8.9%	MAHONING	2.0%
Ashtabula	6.0%	5.7%	CLINTON	11.1%	MERCER	6.8%
Athens	7.0%	7.1%	DARKE	12.2%	MORROW	8.1%
Butler	13.0%	8.6%	DEFIANCE	7.9%	PERRY	7.9%
Clermont	14.0%	14.0%	DELAWARE	11.9%	PICKAWAY	9.9%
Fulton	15.0%	10.4%	FRANKLIN	13.7%	PIKE	
Greene	8.0%	5.4%	GALLIA	5.2%	PREBLE	7.6%
Knox	10.0%	8.1%	GEAUGA	7.0%	PUTNAM	11.1%
Madison	18.0%	15.7%	HAMILTON	5.2%	RICHLAND	4.6%
Montgomery	6.0%	6.3%	HARDIN	6.2%	SENECA	5.0%
Noble	12.0%	8.8%	HARRISON	1.5%	SHELBY	6.5%
Summit	8.0%	7.8%	HENRY	9.0%	TRUMBULL	3.1%
Wayne	7.0%	6.5%	JACKSON	7.4%	VANWERT	3.3%
			LICKING	13.4%	WOOD	10.2%



## What is Happening Going Forward

- 11 of the 41 counties going through reappraisal or triennial update is are expected to see double-digit increases in residential values
- Only two counties are expecting lower than 3% growth in residential values
- Barring a major change in the housing market or the economy, 2018 residential changes are likely to be consistent with 2017



## What Do the Changes Mean for State Aid

- There will be little impact from the 2017 valuation changes in FY 2019
  - Only Targeted Assistance and Capacity Aid will be impacted
- Districts with a lot of CAUV value going through reappraisal or update in 2017 will see 2/3rds of the drop in values reflected in FY 2020/2021 SDI calculations
  - Districts going through in 2018 will see a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> weight in 2020/21
- Districts with big residential increases and little agricultural value will become significantly more wealthy under the formula in 2020/21



# What Do the Changes Mean for Taxpayers

- Districts with significant CAUV will see a shifting of tax burden off of farmers onto residential taxpayers
  - This is the reverse of what has been happening over the past 5-10 years as farm values have increased faster than residential values
- These same districts who are at the 20-mill floor, if aggregate CAUV drops are greater than residential valuation increases, could come off the floor, which will impact future revenue growth
- Districts with large residential increases and little agricultural property may see significant burden shifting among residential taxpayers
  - Such districts on the 20-mill floor could see substantial tax revenue increases



### Even Further into the Future

- The 2017 and 2018 valuation changes will fully impact state aid in the 2022/2023 biennium
- Under budget bill provisions, there will be another round of CAUV reductions from 2020-2022
  - These will further shift tax burden from farmers to homeowners
- The second round of CAUV changes will impact the 2022/2023 budget partially and the 2024/2025 budget fully
  - This assumes the same formula structure as currently exists remains in place



## Other Forecast Risks Going Forward

- With over 70% of all districts either on the funding cap or guarantee in 2018, legislative decisions about how to handle these become crucial
  - It is also an indication the current formula is not being allowed to work or is not working
  - In 2017, only 48% of districts were on the cap or guarantee
- There will be a new Governor and new Speaker of the House when state budget time rolls around again



### Key Takeaways

- The big changes in CAUV values are significantly impacting both agricultural districts and districts with little agricultural value because of relative wealth
  - This is exacerbated in areas with strong residential growth
- There will be an ongoing shift of local tax burden from farmers to homeowners in districts with a lot of agricultural value
- There is a tremendous amount of uncertainty around state funding because of the 2018 elections
  - Districts will need to carefully consider what the risk factors associated with the uncertainty mght mean for their forecasts

### The Public Finance Resources Team





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