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- Federal funding decreases by 2.2% in FY 2004 and 0.4% in FY 2005

School for the Blind, Ohio State

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ROLE

The Ohio State School for the Blind (OSB), located in Columbus, is a state-supported residential educational facility that provides services to Ohio's school-aged children with visual impairments, including those children with multiple disabilities. Established in 1837, it was the first state-supported residential school for the blind in the United States. The State Board of Education supervises the School. The School also maintains an accreditation with the National Accreditation Council for agencies serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

The School's goal is to enable its students to become self-sufficient and contributing members of society. Accordingly, it is dedicated to their intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth. The School's mission is to work cooperatively with students, families, and communities to provide effective, enjoyable educational experiences through specialized curriculums, equipment, materials, and individualized disability-specific instruction to develop its students' unique potentials. The educational programs provided by the School must meet the standards established by the Department of Education, and are accredited by the Department.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
143	\$8.7 million	\$8.9 million	\$7.1 million	\$7.3 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The total appropriations for FY 2004 are \$8,732,089, a 0.1% increase over the FY 2003 spending level. The total appropriations for FY 2005 are \$8,895,222, a 1.9% increase over the FY 2004 appropriation level. The appropriations for the FY 2004-2005 biennium will enable the School to maintain its current level of service. The School currently serves 127 visually impaired, blind, and multi-handicapped children from roughly 70 school districts throughout the state. Approximately 65% of the students live at the School during the weekdays while the other 35% of the students commute to the School daily.

Approximately 81.4% of OSB's budget comes from the General Revenue Fund, with appropriations of \$7,094,094 in FY 2004, a 1.3% increase over FY 2003 and \$7,263,227 in FY 2005, a 2.4% increase over FY 2004. Approximately 17.4% of OSB's budget is supported by federal funds. Total federal funding for FY 2004 is \$1,533,600, a 2.2% decrease from FY 2003 and \$1,527,600 in FY 2005, a 0.4% decrease from FY 2004. Federal funds (line item 226-626, Coordinating Unit) support 24 non-administrative employees serving a maximum of 48 multi-handicapped children. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 2001: FY 2002: FY 2003: FY 2004 % Change FY 2005 % Change
Appropriations: Appropriations: Appropriations: 2003 to 2004: Appropriations: 2004 to 2005:

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

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GRF	226-100	Personal Services	\$ 5,478,595	\$ 5,861,254	\$6,129,333	\$ 6,287,483	2.58%	\$ 6,456,616	2.69%
GRF	226-200	Maintenance	\$ 887,066	\$ 794,007	\$770,527	\$ 685,256	-11.07%	\$ 685,256	0.00%
GRF	226-300	Equipment	\$ 76,115	\$ 126,109	\$105,395	\$ 121,355	15.14%	\$ 121,355	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 6,441,776	\$ 6,781,370	\$ 7,005,255	\$ 7,094,094	1.27%	\$ 7,263,227	2.38%
4H8	226-602	Education Reform Grants	\$ 15,475	\$ 28,507	\$58,786	\$ 61,476	4.58%	\$ 61,476	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 15,475	\$ 28,507	\$ 58,786	\$ 61,476	4.58%	\$ 61,476	0.00%
310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	\$ 1,369,992	\$ 1,357,705	\$1,402,922	\$ 1,390,000	-0.92%	\$ 1,384,000	-0.43%
3P5	226-643	Medicaid Professional Services Reimb	\$ 59,407	\$ 58,813	\$165,274	\$ 143,600	-13.11%	\$ 143,600	0.00%
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 1,429,399	\$ 1,416,517	\$ 1,568,196	\$ 1,533,600	-2.21%	\$ 1,527,600	-0.39%
4M5	226-601	Work Study & Technology Invest	\$ 42,493	\$ 16,540	\$91,497	\$ 42,919	-53.09%	\$ 42,919	0.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 42,493	\$ 16,540	\$ 91,497	\$ 42,919	-53.09%	\$ 42,919	0.00%
School for the Blind, Ohio State Total			\$ 7,929,143	\$ 8,242,934	\$ 8,723,734	\$ 8,732,089	0.10%	\$ 8,895,222	1.87%