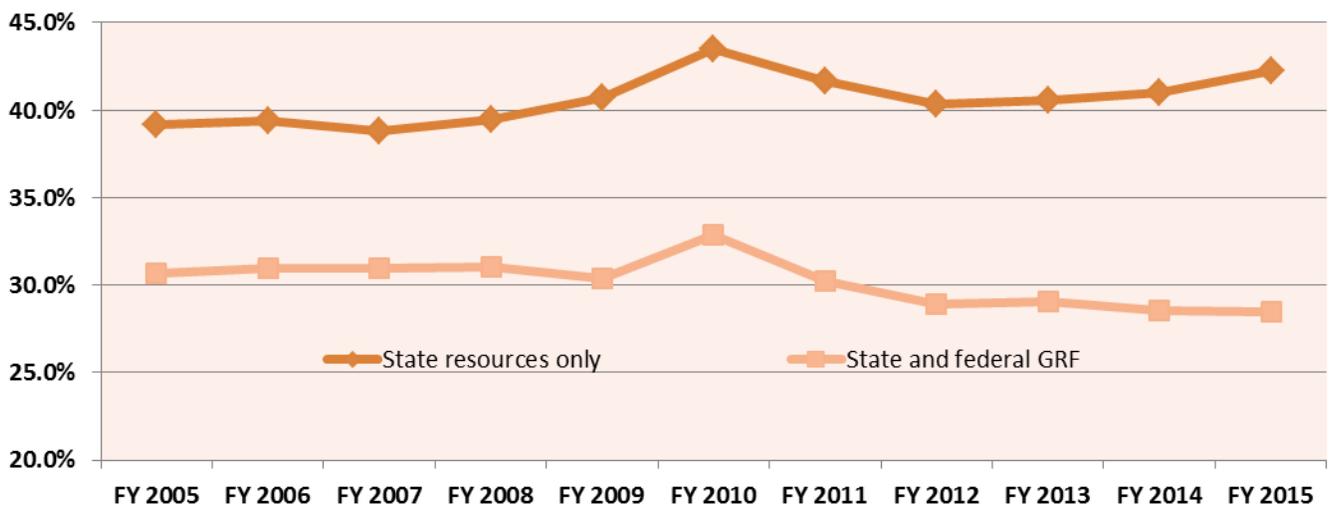


# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## FY 2015 SCHOOL FOUNDATION AID

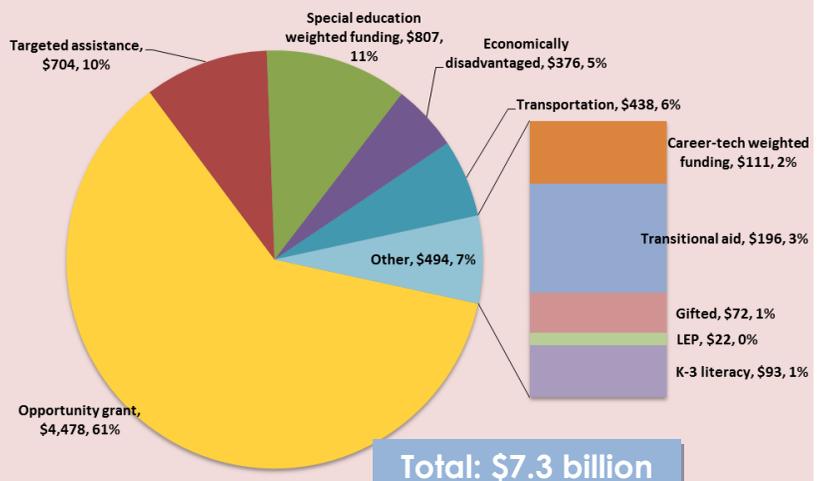
- ◆ Foundation aid, which is distributed through a statutory formula enacted biennially, is the largest component of state funding for primary and secondary education.
- ◆ Primary and secondary education is either the largest (when the base consists of state resources only) or the second largest (when the state and federal GRF is the base) spending area of the state budget.

Primary and Secondary Education Share of the State Budget

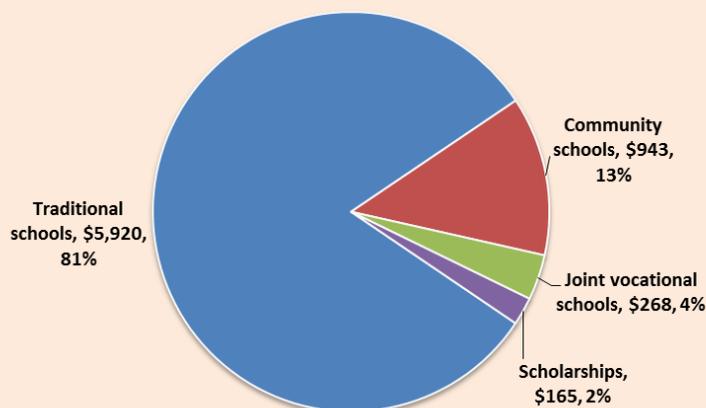


- ◆ The opportunity grant, the largest component (61%), is combined with local contributions to provide a uniform base per pupil funding (\$5,800 in FY 2015) for every student across the state.
- ◆ The formula provides a higher state per pupil opportunity grant to a lower wealth district.
- ◆ While adding complexity to school funding, other components (39%) are designed to provide additional funding based on unique needs of students and unique circumstances of school districts.

School Foundation Aid by Component, FY 2015 (\$ in millions)



Foundation Aid by School Type, FY 2015 (\$ in millions)



- ◆ School foundation aid is deducted from resident districts' allocations and follows students to community /STEM schools.
- ◆ Community/STEM schools enrolled about 7% (122,000) of students in FY 2015.
- ◆ About 25,000 students received scholarships in FY 2015 to attend private schools under school choice options.