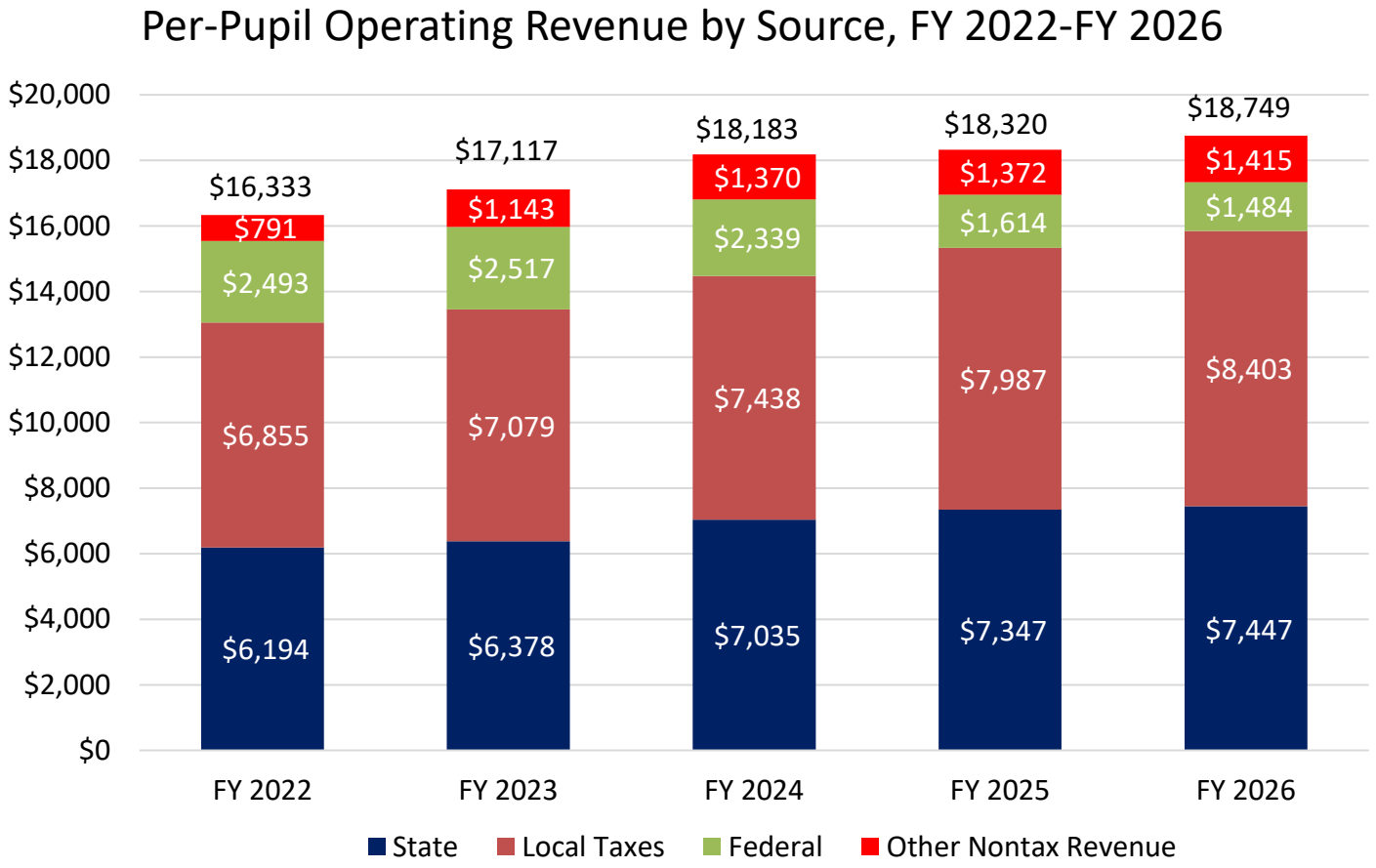
Per-pupil operating revenue for public schools increased by 14.8% since FY 2022



Sources: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce; Ohio Legislative Service Commission

- Public school operating revenue averaged $18,749 per pupil in FY 2026, an increase of 14.8% ($2,417) over the past five years.
- From FY 2022 to FY 2026:
  - State revenue per pupil (20.2%) and local tax revenue per pupil (22.6%) saw comparable growth.
  - Federal revenue per pupil decreased 40.5% due to expiration of coronavirus relief funds.
  - Other nontax revenue per pupil increased 78.9%, as revenue in FY 2022 was lower primarily due to a mix of pandemic-era effects on investment earnings, school meal charges, and fee-generating activities.
- FY 2026 operating revenues consisted of:
  - 44.8% local taxes (property and income).
  - 39.7% state (foundation aid, tax reimbursements, and other grants).
  - 7.9% federal (focuses on special education and disadvantaged students).
  - 7.5% other nontax revenues (investment earnings, payments in lieu of taxes, tuition, fees, school meal charges, admissions and sales for extracurricular activities, and state solvency assistance).