



THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

Dear Rep. Jarrells,

I am a Catholic school parent from St. Catharine School in Columbus located within your district, and I wanted to share my thoughts on the several important budget items that I hope you will support.

- Increase maximum scholarship amounts to \$5,500 (from \$4,650) for grades K-8 and \$8,000 (from \$6,000) for grades 9-12 for students in the performance based Ed Choice Scholarships, Ed Choice Expansion and the Cleveland Scholarship Program.
- Support the provision in the Executive Budget for Catholic Schools to have the option of receiving direct Auxiliary Services payments.
- Permit Administrative Cost Reimbursements (ACR) to be up to \$475 per student, notwithstanding the statutory cap of \$360 per student.
- Increase the payment in lieu of transportation from \$250 to the state average to transport students.
- Support the additional provisions in the executive budget for school transportation.

Supporting every student, both public and private, should not be a divisive issue, but rather one that unites us as advocates for Ohio's future. These key issues are important to Catholic schools, and I hope you will consider endorsing them for the good of our students and their parents, who have chosen a Catholic education for their children.

I thank you for your time and attention to this important matter, and I greatly appreciate your work as my representative in the Statehouse.

Sincerely,