

*Note: “The governor’s plan is a reasonable approach and brings an improved level of equity, places more money in the classroom, rewards us for making tough decisions to transform our schools and will help free us from the unnecessary mandates.”*



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**Guest column: Kasich plan brings needed flexibility, resources to classrooms**

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As superintendent of Loveland City Schools, I realize how blessed the students are in our district. We have an amazing community that provides great support for our district.

With more than 600 school districts, Ohio’s uniqueness has long presented challenges in our school funding formula that weighs the state share based on the value of property in a community. Here in Loveland, our 20 mills generate \$3,193 per student. In other districts, the exact same millage generates as little as \$900 or as much as \$14,000 of local support per pupil.

Gov. Kasich has wisely made state support of our schools more equitable, treating every district as if they have a \$250,000 per pupil tax base of property values.

Furthermore, he has promised all Ohio school districts that they will not lose state support over the next two years and will have a number of opportunities to attract more funding into the classroom.

In his new Advancement Everywhere Plan, significant new state funds will be invested in our schools based on the particular needs of students in the classroom, including needed aid for disabled students, early childhood learning, gifted students and English language learners. These themes have been active in the education community when I talk with my peers and we are pleased that the governor listened and will provide targeted funds to help us address these critical areas of need.

*You can read the rest of the story [here](#).*