

SUMMARY: Many Local Governments prepared for tough fiscal environment



Thursday, March 24, 2011

Rocky River school district prepared for cuts, Shoaf says

By Gloria Eadeh, Sun News

http://blog.cleveland.com/westshoresun/2011/03/rocky_river_school_district_pr.html

QUOTE: Since school officials prepared in advance for anticipated cuts in state funding for education, Superintendent Michael Shoaf expects to dodge a bullet.

Shoaf said he and the school board planned for the reduction and made across-the-board spending cuts. "I think since we planned ahead, we are going to come close to the numbers," he said.

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Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Locals reserve judgment on Kasich budget proposal

By NATE ELLIS

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/live/content/pickerington/stories/2011/03/23/locals-reserve-judgment-on-kasich-budget-proposal.html?sid=104>

QUOTE: Schornack said the city wasn't expecting a cut in state funding to occur this year, but Pickerington officials were conservative in their budgeting approach, in part, because of uncertainty at the state level.

"The amount is in line with what the finance department and council have discussed during budget hearings," he said. "For 2011, the \$40,000 in reduced revenues makes up just 0.5 percent of our budget."

Pickerington city manager Bill Vance said he currently has no plans to make budget or personnel cuts in response to Kasich's proposal.



Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Berea schools, local cities react to Ohio state budget proposal

By Sun News staff

http://blog.cleveland.com/newssun/2011/03/berea_schools_local_cities_rea.html

QUOTE: The city of Berea, like other municipalities across Ohio, is expected to lose 50 percent from the state through the local government fund over the term of the proposed two-year budget.

Dana Kavander, Berea's finance director, said that relates to \$184,000 each year, or the hiring of two to three police officers. It is a 1.3- to 2.7-percent drop in the city's revenue collection.

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"We lobbied the state not to do it. But they have their own issues that they have to overcome, and I understand that," [Mayor Cyril M. Kleem] said. "We will just deal with it. It's that simple. We will make adjustments."



Monday, March 21, 2011

Poised for Kasich's cuts

By WILLIAM LANEY

<http://www.wapakdailynews.com/content/view/317104/1/>

QUOTE: Knowing Ohio's governor faced an \$8 billion shortfall this year, area government leaders crafted their respective 2011 budgets bracing for anticipated cuts in the state money they would receive.

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"We will be losing money from the state's allocation of Local Government Funds which comes from the state in a limited amount and passes from the state through the county in a greater amount, but it will not have a real major impact on the budget because we do not rely heavily on that funding to operate the city," Metz said last week.

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