

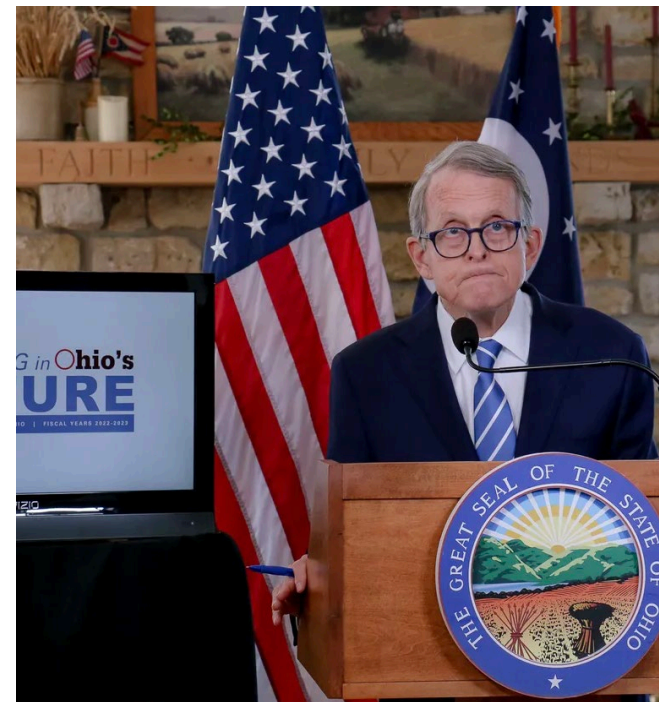
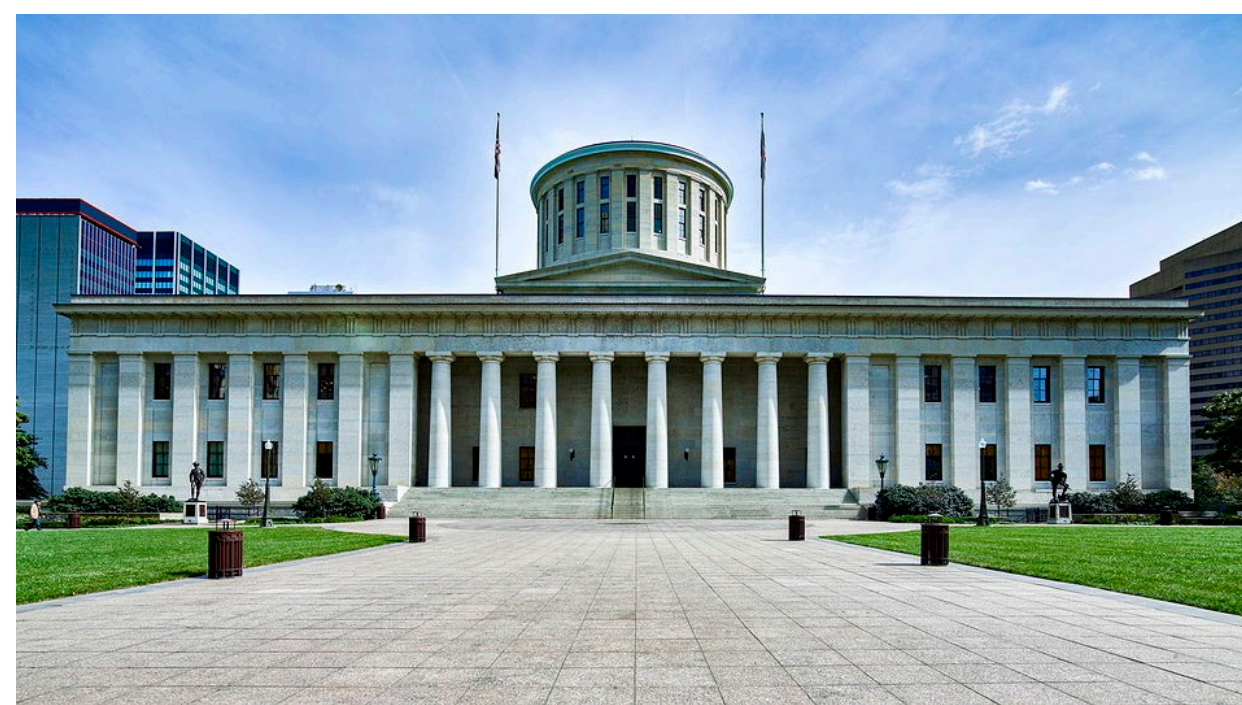
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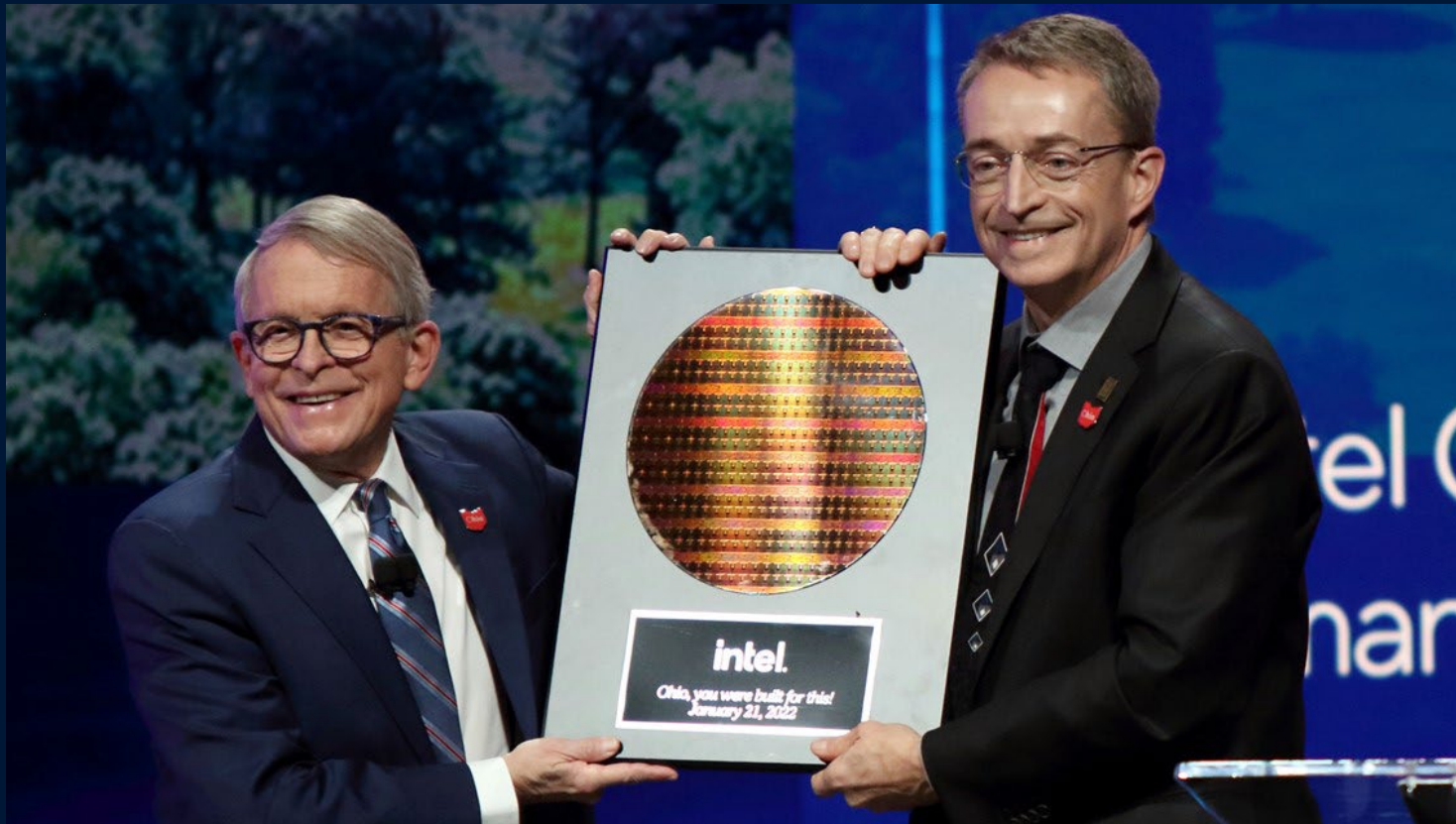
## ADVOACY UPDATE

Student Success Leadership Institute  
*Winter '22 Meeting*

Jack Hershey, OACC President & CEO  
Tom Walsh, OACC Vice President



# Intel to Transform the Silicon Heartland



## An investment that will transform Ohio

- \$100 billion investment – 5x the investment of Honda in Ohio.
- 100,000 jobs
- 141 existing Ohio companies in the supply chain, plus more coming.
- Increased focus on the workforce pipeline from state leaders.
- Just the beginning?

# OACC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



## 134<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIORITIES



MAKE OHIO “WORKFORCE READY”



CLOSE EQUITY GAPS THROUGH  
ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY



FUND STUDENT SUCCESS



IMPROVE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS



DEREGULATION

## THE "BIG 3" LEADERS



GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE  
Republican (Cedarville, OH)



SPEAKER BOB CUPP  
Republican (Lima, OH)

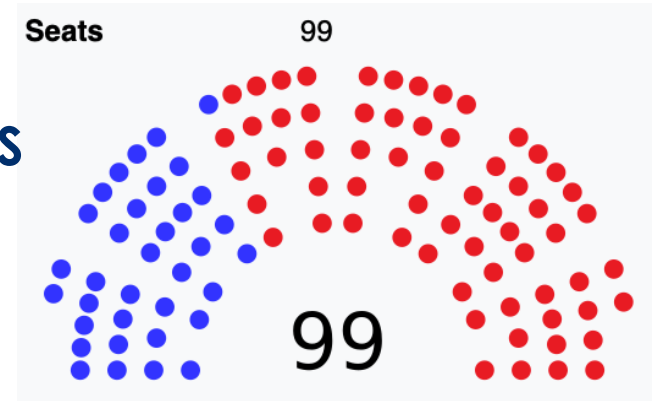


SEN. PRESIDENT MATT HUFFMAN  
Republican (Lima, OH)

# Statehouse Snapshot

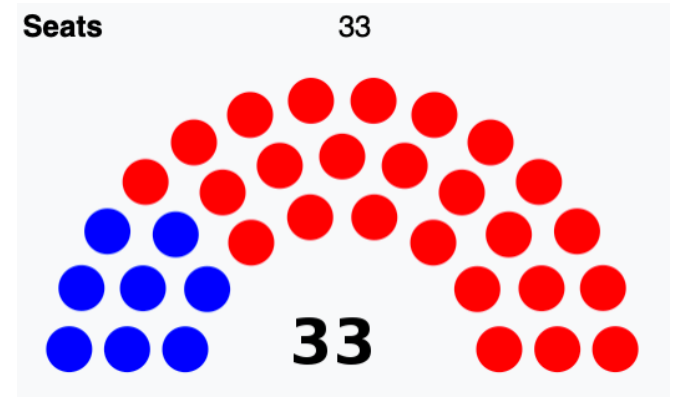
## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 64 Republicans
- 35 Democrats



## OHIO SENATE

- 25 Republicans
- 8 Democrats



# Looking Ahead

## Redistricting – Constitutional Crisis?

- Supreme Court Ruling
- Map Uncertainty
- Primary Uncertainty – May 3rd?

## Legislative Calendar

- Session and Committee Schedules

## Campaign Season!!!



# Capital & Infrastructure Funding

Traditional State Capital Budget

Capital Reappropriations

State ARPA Funds - Round 2

“Accelerate 2022”

- Workforce Related, Business-Backed Capita Projects



# Academic Issues – Reshaping Education

**HB 322 & HB 327 (anti-CRT Bills):  
“Prohibited Concepts”**

**HB 368: College Credit Plus Weighting vs.  
AP Courses**

**HB 529: Posting Curriculums online**

**Higher Education Reform Legislation**

- **SB 135**
- **HB 514**

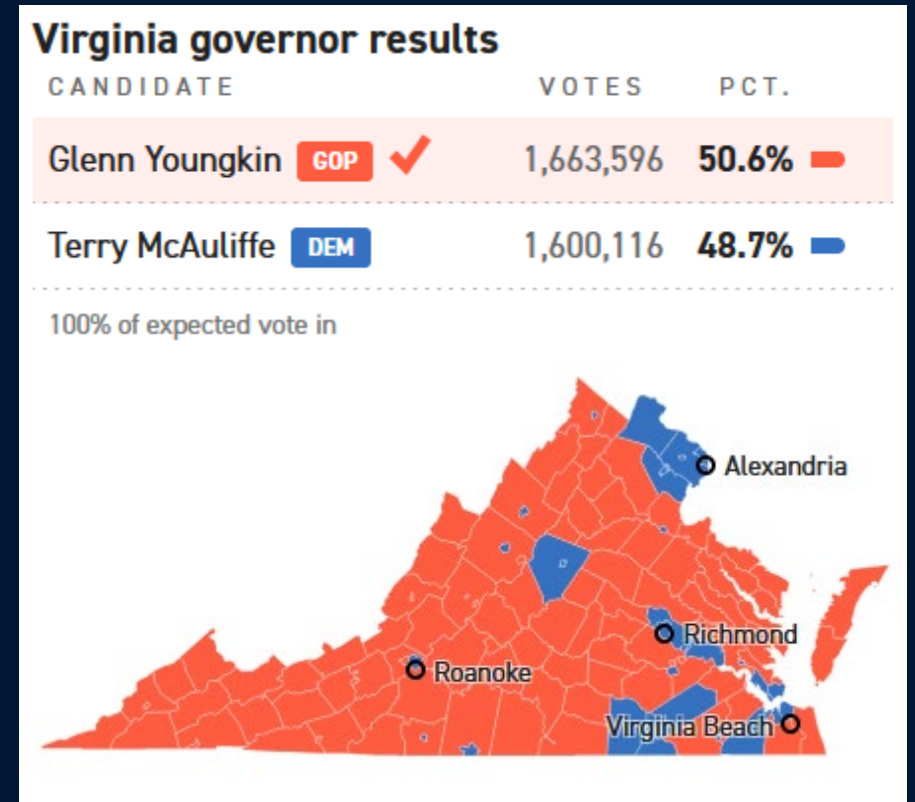
**K-12 Funding**



# Virginia Post Gubernatorial Election Analysis

## Specifically Studied Biden (D) / Youngkin (R) Crossover Voters:

- Education dominated the Governor's race with these voters
- School Closures and COVID policies were a bigger factor than Critical Race Theory.





# Virginia Post Gubernatorial Election Analysis

**“These voters were more animated talking about their dissatisfaction with their local school districts’ handling of COVID. They felt buffeted by changing and inconsistent policies and concerned about the impact on student learning loss, and there was a sense among some that Virginia was not following the science by keeping schools closed later than other states. One participant, a Biden voter, stated flat out that her vote for Youngkin “was against the party that closed the schools for so long last year.”**

# Virginia Post Gubernatorial Election Analysis

**“CRT in schools is not an issue in and of itself, but it taps into these voters’ frustrations.”**

- **This group was nearly unanimous in describing the country as divided and politics as being unavoidably in their faces.**
- **They feel that people’s ability to have a civil conversation has vanished.**
- **They feel that they have to walk on eggshells even on seemingly innocuous topics.**
- **Theorized that these feelings extended to discussions around race in schools, where these voters were less concerned with CRT, but expressed frustration with the uncompromising approach they see being taken towards complicated subjects.**

# Performance Audits in 2022

- **Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber has three performance audits in process as it relates to higher education, all of which could be finished in 2022:**
  - **College Credit Plus**
  - **Co-Located Campuses**
  - **Higher Education Facilities**



# Federal Issues on the Horizon

- **CHIPS Act – Federal Workforce Funding for Microchip Industry**
- **Short Term PELL Grants & College Transparency Act**
- **Potentially Impactful Lame Duck Session**



# New Legislative Districts

- **Ongoing debate between the Ohio Redistricting Commission and Ohio Supreme Court is consuming Legislature's time**
- **Contempt of Court Deadline was today**
- **Attempts to bypass Ohio Supreme Court have begun**
- **Size of Republican majorities in House & Senate at stake**

# Chancellor's Study on At-Risk SSI Weights

- Will study the most appropriate definitions of at-risk students and formula weights for at-risk students that may be used in the SSI distribution
- Will make recommendations on:
  - Definitions of access students
  - The specific weights for access students
  - Level of funding for access students
- Completed by June 30, 2022