

Lobbyists for Citizens

1. **Possible solutions to help seniors avoid being priced out of their homes because of the use of the ever-increasing property taxes for public school funding:**
 - A. Freeze the school property taxes for citizens 65 years and older.
 - B. Increasing the homestead exemption significantly.

2. **Possible solutions to lower property taxes for all Ohio citizens:**
 - A. Eliminate the payment of CCP program from public school funding, or establish rigorous standards for entry into the program.
 - B. Mandate that public schools can only pay their "open enrollment fee" to the maximum that they receive from the state funds.
 - C. Eliminate the employer picking up the employee's share (14% and 10%) of their retirement costs.
 - D. Eliminate property taxes being paid to community colleges – tuition would need to increase by 35%.
 - E. Eliminate the ability of schools from continually using "emergency levies", thereby circumventing the Tax Reduction Factor permitted by HB 920.

3. **Long-term solutions to public school funding:**
 - A. Replace the use of property tax funding with a statewide sales tax.
 - B. Eliminate the school report card system, if it is not representative of the schools' performance.
 - C. Reduce the number of school districts to eliminate redundancy of administration costs.
 - D. Implement a universal school voucher system, the money follows the child, and the parents can "shop" for the right school for their child. The schools would have to compete for the children.