

Official Newsletter

WELCOME

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to update you on some details in the district and what has been happening at the Statehouse.

The biennium operating budget was recently approved by myself and my fellow representatives. Now work will continue on the budget in the Senate chamber.

If you have any questions, need assistance with state agencies or would like to discuss how to improve the 52nd district, please reach out to my office at rep52@ohiohouse.gov.



GROUNDBREAKING HEALTH CENTER

I had the opportunity to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Lorain County Health and Dentistry Community Health Center recently. This new facility, scheduled for completion in the spring of 2024, will be located in North Ridgeville and will provide the same amazing health services as the other Lorain County Health and Dentistry Community Health Centers bring to the 52nd House District.

This the one-story facility will provide comprehensive primary care, dentistry and integrated behavioral health services closer to eastern Lorain County neighborhoods. When fully staffed the facility will employ about 15 professional and support staff.

The new facility will be located at 35557 Center Ridge Road in North Ridgeville.



MEETING THE NEXT GENERATION

I recently meet with a group of young ladies from Columbia High School enrolled in the Ruling Our Experiences (ROX) program. This organization provides research and educational focused programming for teenage girls to help create a generation of confident girls who control their own relationships, experiences, decisions and future.

If you have a girl who is interested in enrolling in these programs you can visit the ROX website [HERE](#).

FUNDING PUBLIC LIBRARIES



I had the pleasure to meet with members of the Elyria and Lorain County Public Library Systems recently to discuss how the Ohio House could provide additional funding to support these facilities. Between these two library systems there are 11 individual libraries and one mobile library that provide educational and entertainment at a minimal cost to more than 315,000 citizens.

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee has passed legislation I have sponsored to repeal the retention requirement of the Ohio [Third Grade Reading Guarantee](#).

House Bill 117 will help provide additional assistance to students that may fall behind in their reading proficiency and will require the State Board of Education to expand the standards of teaching of phonics from third to fifth grade students.

To help students along, this legislation will require remedial reading services be increased to fourth and fifth grade students and must include reading improvements and monitoring plans for students.

The legislation will now head to the House floor for a full vote.