

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Mohamed

Voting Updates



Dear Neighbor,

Happy Fall! Committees and Session are starting back up again at the Statehouse. While the Legislature has been on a break, I have been busy in the district meeting with local nonprofits and organizations that are doing great work to benefit our district.

In July, I attended the Council of State Governments Annual Midwestern Legislative Conference in Detroit, Michigan. There, I met legislators from across the Midwest, attended workshops, and learned how to better legislate for our constituents and the State.

I am looking forward to continuing to represent you at the Statehouse, and will be hosting town halls and community hours in the upcoming months throughout the district.

As always, if there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Repo3@Ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-1896. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ismail Mohamed

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It's time to look forward to the next election on November 7th. Please continue to remain engaged and remind all your family, friends, and neighbors to make sure they are registered to vote. Voter ID laws have changed so make sure you have the right ID to vote.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind for this election:

- **October 11th:** Early voting & absentee voting begins
- **October 31st:** Absentee ballots must be received by the Boards of Election by 8:30 P.M.
- **November 7th: Election Day!** Polls open from 6:30AM– 7:30PM

New Appointment:

At the end of August I was appointed to the **Ohio Indigent Defense System Task Force**. I am honored to have a role in carrying out the mission of the Indigent Defense System Task Force, which is to provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the delivery, structure, and funding of indigent defense in Ohio.

The Ohio Indigent Defense System Task Force was established in the 134th General Assembly by House Bill 150 and consists of 17 members, including six members from the Ohio General Assembly.

This Fall: Focus on Your Health

If you haven't yet, now is the perfect time to schedule a flu shot! Visit vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/ to find a vaccine provider near you. It's important to stay up to date on your shots to keep you, your family, and your community healthy.



Explore Your Local Library

September was Library Card Sign-up Month! Our libraries across the state, and especially those in Columbus, offer an impressive spread of books and media, but also vital resources for everything from starting a small business to free food after school. This summer, I had the pleasure of visiting the Columbus Metropolitan Linden, Northern Lights, and Northside libraries and taking part in a few of their free community programs.

Programs include:

- ◆ After-school homework help centers and snack programs
- ◆ Free English classes
- ◆ Small Business and Nonprofit resources and legal help
- ◆ Kindergarten readiness and Teen programming
- ◆ Health fairs and clinics
- ◆ Job application, technology, and social services support
- ◆ And more!



Ohio School Report Cards Are In!

The data is in! In September the Department of Education and Workforce released 2022-2023 School Report Cards for Ohio's public schools. Schools are ranked on a 1-5 star rating system in five categories: achievement, progress, early literacy, gap closing and graduation.

I'm proud to recognize **Columbus Alternative High School** and **Mifflin STEM Elementary School** on their earning four stars in this years report! A full list of school rankings can be found online at reportcard.education.ohio.gov.

It continues to be one of my top priorities to support public schools, teachers, and most of all, our students. We owe sincere gratitude to our Columbus City Schools teachers who have dedicated themselves to bettering our community.

The new state budget helps our schools by:

- Continued implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan
- Columbus City Schools funding increased by 15.5%, \$27 Million Dollars, over two years
- Increased funding for school transportation
- Increased Special Needs Scholarship Program funding
- Funding for literacy improvement and professional development programs
- Increased funding for student dropout recovery and prevention programs
- Increases base teacher salary from \$30K to \$35K
- Increased funding for reduced price breakfast and lunch

Out and About



Student from The Hardy Center visit Rep. Mohamed at the Statehouse

Rep. Mohamed meeting with Franklin County Children Services team



Rep. Mohamed hosting District 3 Immigration Seminar in partnership with CAIR Ohio, Columbus Legal Aid, and CRIS



White House One year celebration of Communities in Action with (R to L) Rep. Lightbody (D-Westerville), Rep. Mohamed (D-Columbus), House Minority Leader Allison Russo (D-Upper Arlington), Senior Advisor to the President Tom Perez, Franklin County Commissioner Kevin L. Boyce, Vice President of Ohio NAACP Dr. Derrick L. Forward.



We Are Linden visits the Ohio State Fair with Rep. Mohamed