

I cannot begin to imagine the pushes and pulls that any governor faces in establishing his or her priorities in a state's budget, but especially for a state as large and complex as Ohio, with the 7<sup>th</sup>-largest population and, literally, one of the largest economies in the world. The needs are enormous, so I'm always appreciative when a governor chooses to prioritize spending that will benefit a small college like Southern State Community College and the students we serve.

In our state's most recent capital budget, which funds the bricks-and-mortars needs of our state and

We are truly appreciative of the commitment of our Governor Mike DeWine and the Chancellor for Higher Education Randy Gardner and their efforts to make sure small rural schools like Southern State don't take a back seat. We thank you.

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