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New Year's Resolution: I will not refer to those with no expertise in education who position themselves as experts in education as ignorant, nimrods, or ignorant nimrods.

Elyria's Representation: With no House or Senate election this past November, our representation in Columbus has not changed. With concerns regarding developments in state law, contact [Representative Gayle Manning](#) and [Senator Nathan Manning](#). If you're feeling especially fired up about something, feel free to contact other members of Ohio's [House](#) and [Senate](#) as well.

DeWine Vetoes the SAFE Act: [Governor DeWine's veto of HB68](#), which would have banned gender-affirming medical care for minors & banned transgender athletes from participation in women's sports, has prompted outrage in his own party. OEA were firm opponents of the bill, as were medical experts and children's hospitals statewide. Republican leaders were immediately assessing the likelihood of raising the $\frac{3}{5}$ majority vote necessary to override the veto. [The override could move forward in the House as early as January 10th](#). Lawsuits will follow.

Top 5 Stories from 2023 in Education, at least according to this story from the [Dayton Daily News](#).

Senate Bill 83: This [attack on higher education](#) is still being held at bay by a lack of a vote in the full Ohio House of Representatives, despite having passed out of committee. It is worth keeping your eyes open as the General Assembly reconvenes this week.

Vouchers, Segregation, & the hope that rests on a lawsuit.: The amount of public money being shuffled into private schools via subsidies for wealthy kids has reached absurd proportions. The [hope of public school advocates](#) rests on a lawsuit that could be heard in 2024.

Thanks: Thank you for reading this and other materials in the interest of staying informed, as well as taking action on policy related to public education. There's no telling what these ignorant nimrods will get us into next.