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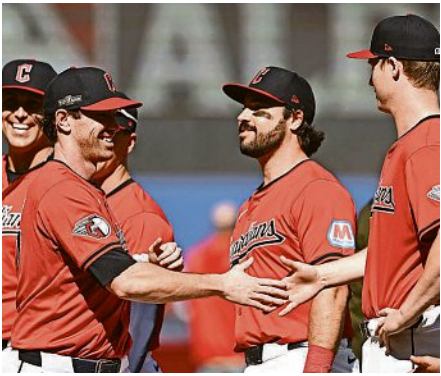
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# Stark schools to see mix of fund cuts, increases under state budget

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A majority of Stark County-area school districts will see their state funding increase next year.

Gov. Mike DeWine signed the state budget on July 1. The new two-year budget provides around \$8 billion a year for the state's 611 public school districts for spending in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The school's fiscal year 2025 began on July 1 and runs through June 30, 2026.

Canton City Schools will see the big-

gest cut with a \$3.1 million reduction (1.6%), followed by Sandy Valley Local Schools with a 1.4% decrease (\$288,874), Canton Local Schools with a 1.3% decrease (\$403,098), and Plain Local Schools with 1.1% cut (\$814,096). Louisville, Minerva and Perry also will see their funding trimmed by just under 1%.

Osnaburg Local Schools will see the largest increase, 2%, to \$8,453,404 in fiscal year 2026 and another increase to \$8.6 million the next year. Massillon City Schools will also see a jump from \$37,238,922 to \$38,557,183, a 1.9% bump. The next year, it will jump 2.1%.

Budget falls short, veto concerns linger

Even though the state allocated about \$120 million more for public schools each of the next two years, district leaders say the sum is still far short of what children and teachers need.

Local leaders are also concerned about legislators' plans to override the governor's veto on several line items that would negatively impact education.

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# Ribbon cut for haircuts



Barber Steven Rayburn and Katie Burton, owner and operator of Accentrix Salon & Spa in Alliance, cut a ribbon to open Accent: A Gentlemen's Barbershop on July 9. PHOTOS BY BENJAMIN DUER/CANTON REPOSITORY

## Alliance has a new barbershop on Glamorgan Street

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ALLIANCE – A new barbershop for men, with a modern yet classic space, has opened in the Carnation City.

The shop, called Accent: A Gentlemen's Barbershop, is at 1963 Glamorgan St. It features a sleek leather chair, wood accents and antiques.

Steven Rayburn, a barber for 20 years, manages the place with his wife, Mindy. The men's shop is an offshoot of Accentrix's Salon & Spa, in the same location. Mindy Rayburn is a longtime stylist with Accentrix.

The salon, which opened in 2005, is owned and operated by Katie Burton. It is located next door to Tanner Real Estate in



The barbershop quartet Something Good performs on July 9 at the grand opening of Accent barbershop.

a space formerly occupied by Wet Paws, a pet grooming salon.

The Rayburns and Burton celebrated the grand opening of the new shop July 9 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony along with Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce. It had a soft opening in June. The ceremony included food, drinks and live music.

Haircuts and shaves are \$20, and beard trims are \$7, paid by cash or check only.

Steven Rayburn said he owned his own barbershop in Mansfield for 10 years until April. He left the business to his nephew, to work with Accentrix and his wife in Alliance. The couple married in 2023. He commuted to Mansfield for the last couple years.

"It was kind of dream of ours from the beginning to work together some day," Steven Rayburn said. "We knew one of us would have to move. It's easier for a barber to start over than a stylist."

The businesses are connected, and there's also a styling suite for Mindy Rayburn in Accent.

During the ceremony, Something Good, a barbershop quartet featuring Ted Dudra, Gary Young, Terry Arman and Jim Elliot, performed. The group is from Akron Derbytown Chorus.

"What a way to open up a new barbershop with a barbershop quartet," Alliance chamber President Rick Baxter said before the ribbon was snipped.

Dudra said it was the first time the quartet has performed at an actual barbershop.

# Trump-Putin bromance flowered, then soured

President appears to be shifting his thinking

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President Donald Trump said he would end the war in Ukraine within his first 24 hours in office.

But now, more than 4,000 hours in, Trump's patience with Russian President Vladimir Putin, whom the U.S. president in June called "very kind," appears to be wearing thin.

Relations have hit a wall as Russia's leader has pushed forward with intensifying drone and missile attacks on Ukrainian cities while appearing to repeatedly rebuff Trump's attempts to broker a ceasefire.

"We get a lot of (expletive) thrown at us by Putin, if you want to know the truth," Trump told reporters on July 9, summing up what Ukrainians and other seasoned Russia watchers have been saying for two decades. "He's very nice to us all the time, but it turns out to be meaningless."

Trump initiated direct talks with Putin shortly after taking office, saying – much to Putin's delight – that he was effectively ready to let Russia keep the Ukrainian territory it had already taken when Moscow invaded Kyiv in February 2022. Trump also said Ukraine's Crimea region, which Putin seized in 2014, "will stay with Russia." At the same time, Trump said he was not interested in spending more on

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