

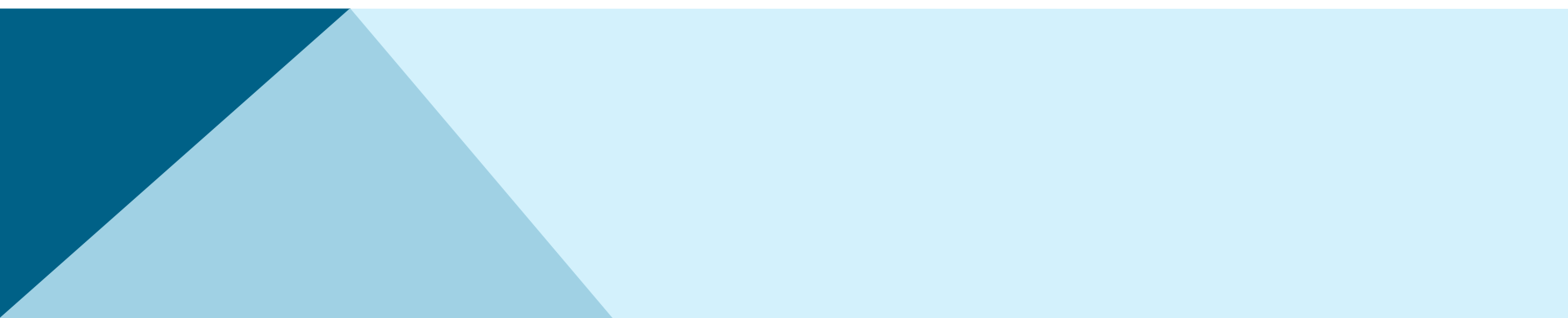
Ohio Library Council

State Budget & New General Assembly

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OVERVIEW

- New General Assembly (134th)
 - State Budget Process
 - FY 2022-2023 Executive Budget Proposal
 - OLC messaging
 - OLC Tools
 - Next Steps
 - Questions
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134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- **New General Assembly**
 - New Legislation – New Leaders
 - 21 New House Members (55 of 99 1 term or less)
 - 6 New Senate Members (2 brand new)
- **House Representation**
 - 64 Republicans and 35 Democrats
- **Senate Representation**
 - 25 Republicans and 8 Democrats

134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- **House Majority Leadership**
 - Speaker – Bob Cupp (R-Lima)
 - Speaker Pro Tempore – Tim Ginter (R-Salem)
 - Majority Floor Leader – Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati)
 - Assistant Floor Leader – Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville)
 - Majority Whip – Don Jones (R-Freeport)
 - Assistant Whip – Cindy Abrams (R-Harrison)
- **House Minority Leadership**
 - Minority Leader – Emilia Sykes (D-Akron)
 - Assistant Minority Leader – Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus)
 - Minority Whip – Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo)
 - Assistant Minority Whip – Richard Brown (D-Canal Winchester)
 - Caucus Chair – Phil Robinson (D-Solon)

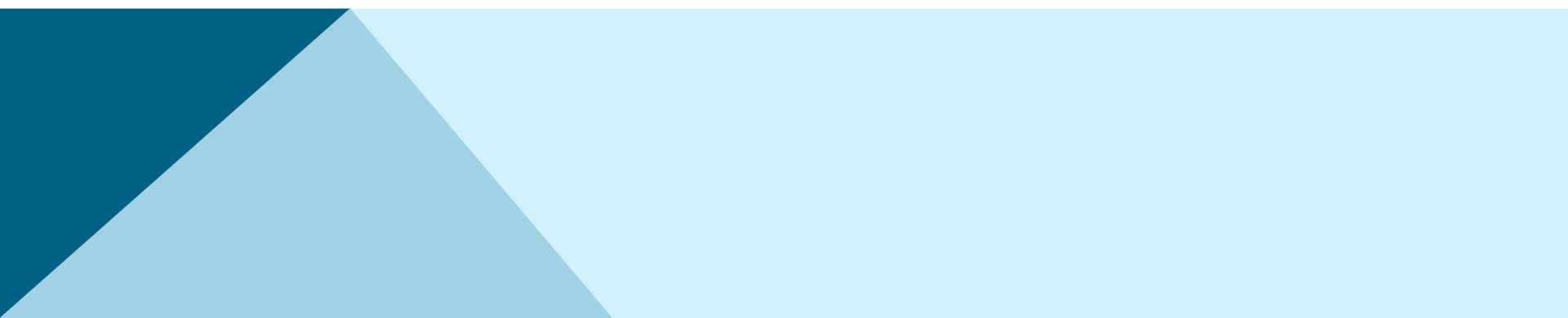
134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- **Senate Majority Leadership**
 - Senate President – Matt Huffman (R-Lima)
 - President Pro Tempore – Jay Hottinger (R-Newark)
 - Majority Floor Leader – Kirk Schuring (R-Canton)
 - Majority Whip – Rob McColley (R-Napoleon)
- **Senate Minority Leadership**
 - Minority Leader – Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Hts)
 - Assistant Minority Leader – Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati)
 - Minority Whip – Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood)
 - Assistant Minority Whip – Tina Maharath (D-Canal Winchester)

STATE BUDGET PROCESS

- **Biennial Budget Legislation**
 - Begins in February
 - Executive Budget Introduction (High Points /Blue Book)
 - House Version introduced after consideration of Exec. Budget
 - Senate Version introduced (April-May)
 - Conference Committee (June)
 - Final Budget (passed by end of June)

FY 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

- Investing in Ohio Initiative -one time spending relief
 - Support small businesses
 - Strengthen Ohio's Communities
 - Help grow a skilled workforce
 - Tell Ohio's story
 - Public Library Fund (PLF)
 - Broadband Expansion
 - Governors Imagination Library
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FY 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

- **Public Library Fund (PLF) – Commitment to Ohio’s public libraries**
 - Funding at statutory levels in FY 2022 and FY 2023
 - 1.66% (permanent law)
 - OBM PLF distribution estimates from Blue Book:
 - FY 2021: \$430 million
 - FY 2022: \$428 million (0.5% decrease)
 - FY 2023: \$443 million (3.5% increase)

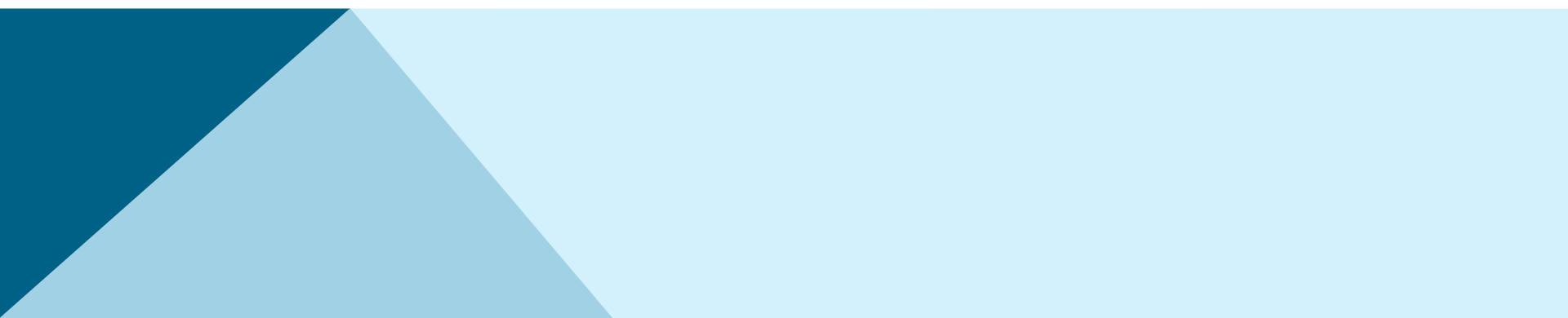
FY 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

- **Broadband – Help address the digital divide**
 - \$200 million to expand access to broadband
 - Direct grants to internet service providers to expand networks
 - Senate Bill 8 and House Bill 2
 - \$50 million to help companies provide low-cost internet
 - digital literacy
 - paying infrastructure costs
 - leveraging state assets
 - provide matching funds in order to draw down federal dollars

FY 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

- **Governor's Imagination Library**
 - \$16 million to continue the Governor's Imagination Library
 - \$8 million in each fiscal year

MESSAGE TO LAWMAKERS

- Our goal is to preserve the PLF at 1.7% and maintain critical funding for Ohio's libraries.
 - Educate lawmakers on how our libraries are funded, and the essential services provided to local communities.
 - Positive messaging about special programs and services.
 - Education
 - Workforce development
 - Digital divide
 - Our libraries offer a significant return on investment in Ohio.
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PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND – TALKING POINTS

- **Public Library Fund (PLF)**
 - We appreciate the governor's commitment in supporting Ohio's public libraries through the PLF.
 - However, the Executive Budget cuts state funding to Ohio's public libraries by reducing the PLF from 1.7% to 1.66% of the General Revenue Fund.
 - Investing in Ohio's public libraries is critical as the usage and demand for our services is growing – especially as we begin to come out of this pandemic.
 - Urge legislators to Restore the PLF at 1.7%.

OLC RESOURCES

<http://olc.org/>

- Talking points
- Templates
- Statehouse directory
- Legal updates

Questions???

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**Thank You
and
Stay Safe**