

Dr. Howard B. Fleeter - Brief Bio

Dr. Howard B. Fleeter received his Ph.D in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1990. He was a faculty member in the School of Public Policy and Management at Ohio State University from 1989-1999, where he taught courses in Public Sector Economics, Public Finance, and State and Local Government Finance. He was a four-time recipient of the School's "Faculty of the Year" award for excellence in teaching. Dr. Fleeter was also a faculty member in the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst from 1999-2001, where he taught courses in the Economics of Education and School Finance. In 2002 he joined with Richard Levin and Bill Driscoll to form the state and local government finance and tax policy consulting firm *Levin, Driscoll & Fleeter*. After the retirements of Mr. Levin and Mr. Driscoll, the firm is now known as *Howard Fleeter & Associates*.

Dr. Fleeter's research has focused on issues of education finance, education policy, and state and local tax policy and he is the author of numerous policy studies and academic journal articles on these topics. Since his 1992 report, "Equity, Adequacy and Reliability in Ohio Education Finance" for Governor Voinovich's Education Management Council he has been one of the state's leading experts on Education Finance. He has worked extensively with Ohio education policy-makers to improve the state's school funding system for more than 25 years. He currently serves as a research consultant on education finance and policy issues for the Ohio Education Policy Institute.