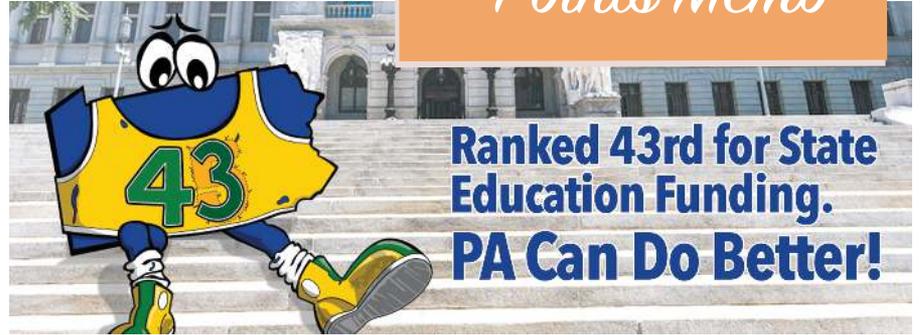


## PA SCHOOLS WORK AND THE CONTINUED FIGHT FOR FUNDING ADEQUACY



PA Schools Work is a coalition of organizations from across Pennsylvania representing teachers and other educators; urban, suburban, and rural communities; and parents and other community members working together to advocate for PA public schools, their students, and the communities they serve.

WE FIGHT FOR EQUITABLE, ADEQUATE FUNDING NECESSARY TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

Investing in public education excellence is the path to thriving communities, a stable economy, and successful students. Each child in Pennsylvania has a right to an excellent public education. Every child, regardless of zip code, deserves access to a full curriculum, art and music classes, technical opportunities, and a safe, clean, stable environment. All children must be provided a level chance to succeed.

The budget passed for the current fiscal year represented historic investments in public education. The investment represents a recognition by lawmakers that our schools are not adequately resourced to ensure every child has a chance to reach their full potential. For the first time in recent history, lawmakers approved a funding increase larger than the rise in state-mandated costs for school districts.

But the PA Schools Work coalition isn't going anywhere. Significant funding increases in future years will be required for the state to meet its constitutional requirement to provide for a thorough and efficient public education. Pennsylvania is still 43rd in the country when it comes to share of revenue from the state, which means the burden is passed to local taxpayers through property taxes.

Massive inequities in school funding remain; this particularly harms low-income students and students of color. Our students are in classrooms that remain underfunded and overcrowded. Teachers are paying out of pocket and picking up the slack. And public education is suffering.

PA Schools Work is kicking off another legislative year of advocacy, both inside the Capitol building and in school districts across the state. Fixing the long-term problems of inadequacy and inequity in Pennsylvania public schools will require long-term commitments from legislators and governors.

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