

HOUSE BUDGET DOWN PAYMENT ON INEQUITABLE SCHOOL FUNDING SYSTEM

We know that when Pennsylvania students are given the proper tools and resources to succeed, they not only meet expectations, they surpass them. But Pennsylvania’s school funding system is underfunded by over \$4 billion, despite high local tax efforts, leaving more than 80% of all districts underfunded according to the state’s own adequacy formula. Underfunding is not just a problem in urban school districts. Rural school districts across the Commonwealth suffer from the fallout of our underfunded public school system.

To meet its constitutional obligation to provide a thorough and efficient system of public education, the General Assembly must take immediate action. The increased education funding in the state budget just passed by the House is the kind of down payment needed to begin dealing with the deep inequities in the state’s school funding system. Importantly, **even with these increases, the state will still have a \$5 billion surplus and \$5.5 billion in the state's Rainy Day Fund.**

Each state Senate district in Pennsylvania would benefit from increased investment in the House-passed budget amendment. The Senate should embrace these new investments for Pennsylvania’s students and pass them as part of the final state budget.

HERE’S HOW MUCH SCHOOL DISTRICTS WOULD STAND TO GAIN IF THE HOUSE-PASSED BUDGET AMENDMENT WERE PASSED BY THE PA SENATE:

DISTRICT - SENATOR	LEVEL UP + BEF INCREASE IN HOUSE BUDGET	DISTRICT - SENATOR	LEVEL UP + BEF INCREASE IN HOUSE BUDGET	DISTRICT - SENATOR	LEVEL UP + BEF INCREASE IN HOUSE BUDGET
SD1 - Sen. Nikil Saval	\$182,257,186	SD18 - Sen. Lisa Boscola	\$17,150,611	SD35 - Sen. Wayne Langerholc	\$20,651,447
SD2 - Sen. Christine Tartaglione	\$182,257,186	SD19 - Sen. Carolyn Comitta	\$14,888,973	SD36 - Sen. Ryan Aument	\$11,852,838
SD3 - Sen. Sharif Street	\$182,257,186	SD20 - Sen. Elizabeth Baker	\$22,851,634	SD37 - Sen. Devlin Robinson	\$8,655,598
SD4 - Sen. Arthur Haywood	\$185,359,402	SD21 - Sen. Scott Hutchinson	\$16,280,176	SD38 - Sen. Lindsey Williams	\$17,325,989
SD5 - Sen. Jimmy Dillon	\$182,257,186	SD22 - Sen. Martin Flynn	\$28,258,040	SD39 - Sen. Kim Ward	\$10,548,688
SD6 - Sen. Frank Farry	\$10,010,149	SD23 - Sen. Eugene Yaw	\$20,161,748	SD40 - Sen. Rosemary Brown	\$20,936,902
SD7 - Sen. Vincent Hughes	\$182,873,165	SD24 - Sen. Tracy Pennycuick	\$15,739,628	SD41 - Sen. Joe Pittman	\$14,793,545
SD8 - Sen. Anthony Williams	\$197,589,555	SD25 - Sen. Cris Dush	\$17,773,991	SD42 - Sen. Wayne Fontana	\$18,946,026
SD9 - Sen. John Kane	\$25,723,123	SD26 - Sen. Tim Kearney	\$22,737,090	SD43 - Sen. Jay Costa	\$19,191,699
SD10 - Sen. Steven Santarsiero	\$7,836,707	SD27 - Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver	\$32,583,478	SD44 - Sen. Katie Muth	\$14,720,352
SD11 - Sen. Judy Schwank	\$45,071,332	SD28 - Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill	\$12,824,909	SD45 - Sen. Jim Brewster	\$25,460,278
SD12 - Sen. Maria Collett	\$8,680,166	SD29 - Sen. Dave Argall	\$44,092,178	SD46 - Sen. Camera Bartolotta	\$14,728,801
SD13 - Sen. Scott Martin	\$17,445,809	SD30 - Sen. Judy Ward	\$15,861,687	SD47 - Sen. Elder Vogel	\$15,385,051
SD14 - Sen. Nicholas Miller	\$52,719,017	SD31 - Sen. Michael Regan	\$26,165,561	SD48 - Sen. Chris Gebhard	\$24,771,418
SD15 - John DiSanto	\$27,820,214	SD32 - Sen. Pat Stefano	\$17,485,366	SD49 - Sen. Dan Laughlin	\$28,800,832
SD16 - Jarrett Coleman	\$43,788,310	SD33 - Sen. Douglas Mastriano	\$13,458,165	SD50 - Sen. Michele Brooks	\$22,940,404
SD17 - Amanda Cappelletti	\$9,288,305	SD34 - Sen. Greg Rothman	\$14,936,438		