
The Ohio Fair School Funding Plan

All Ohioans deserve to live in communities with excellent schools, where all children, no matter their zip code, have well-resourced and equitable educational experiences.

Ohio has the responsibility to create an adequate and equitable school funding system that meets the diverse needs of all learners throughout our state. Despite significant investments over the last several decades in terms of policies, practices, and some areas of funding (like school buildings), the state of Ohio has not fulfilled this obligation to give every child a fair opportunity for a bright, thriving future. There is no time to waste in getting a more equitable school funding formula in place to do right by our children and the future of Ohio.

The Ohio Fair School Funding Plan is an inputs based model that uses research and best practices to determine the actual cost of educating a child. Model components from the most effective student to teacher ratios in a classroom to the amount needed for gifted education. All of these factors are critical to knowing what the investment in schools must look like so our children can have an adequate and equitable educational experience.

The Plan is based in reality, and accounts for the financial capacity of 610 different school districts and the needs of 1.6 million children. In so doing it:

- Emphasizes equity in our school system through the use of disadvantaged pupil impact aid (DPIA).
- Provides every student access to a public school with adequate resources for a research-based, high-quality education regardless of their needs or the wealth of their community.
- Makes funding predictable and school district budgeting possible.
- Reduces reliance on local property taxes and rebalances the shared responsibility of state and local funding sources for public schools.
- The state of Ohio will begin to directly fund charter schools and private school vouchers so that no local tax dollars are siphoned away from local school district budgets.
- Strengthens our system of public education for the benefit of our democracy and Ohio's future.

State legislators must pass and fund the Fair Schools Funding Plan with enough resources to sustain Ohio's public schools. The FSFP may be phased in over time, but there is no time to be lost in getting a better state formula in place.

The Fair Schools Funding Plan was developed by educators, superintendents, treasurers, and school funding experts over three years through a collaborative and transparent process using the best research available. Ohio's school funding system was ruled unconstitutional in 1997, we cannot allow another generation of children to be denied an adequate and equitable educational experience.

Ohio's children deserve an equitable & world-class education!!!

Message/Headline: It's time to pass Ohio's Fair School Funding Plan!

Three Key Messages:

- Vote for the Fair School Funding plan now – a solid solution to a critical need.
- Make Ohio's system of public education a resource for equal opportunity and a successful future. Pass the Fair School Funding Plan
- This is the moment to pass the Fair School Funding Plan. It is realistic, values every student, is equitable for taxpayers, strengthens our system of public education, and benefits all of Ohio.
- We can't wait to adopt a fair formula and to increase our investment in a promising future.

Raise Your Voice & Contact Your Representative

Who to Contact:

Find your legislator here: <https://www.ohiosenate.gov/senators/district-map>

Senate President Matt Huffman (614) 466-7584 Twitter: @matthuffman1

Senate Education Committee Chair: Sen. Andrew Brenner (614) 466-8086 Twitter: @brennerforohio

Key Senate Member on School Funding: Sen. Louis Blessing, III (614) 466-8068 Twitter: @LBlessing308

Hello, my name is _____ and I live in your district. My child(ren)/I live in _____ school district. Children need equitable and well-resourced schools now and in the future and funding to support their recovery from this pandemic. I'm calling to voice my support for the Fair School Funding Plan in Ohio's Budget to meet the needs of children during this time and into the future. Ohioans and their children deserve a constitutional school funding approach and the funds needed to support it.

By social media:

@[your Ohio senator] I live in your district & I'm calling on you to support the Ohio Fair School Funding Plan to make sure all children have an equitable and world class education #OhioBudget to meet the educational needs of my child and their peers right now & in the long term #OHFairSchoolFunding #LWVO #CDFSIO

Social media hashtags #OHFairSchoolFunding #EquitableEducation #CDFSIO

