

Senate Finance Committee
Interested Party Testimony

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Dear Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Sykes, and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is Reeder Paul and I am a resident of Franklin County. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the Senate Budget and funding of Ohio's Public Schools.

Ohio's future depends on all our kids getting a great education - no matter their race, zip code, or family income.

I am a product of the integrated Columbus Public Schools and felt that the diversity that I enjoyed allowed me to embrace our differences and common ground. This diverse student community was critical to use as we raised our three children as well and I would like to see all children have these same options.

The Fair School Funding plan passed in the house is an important step in strengthening our community schools. The plan:

- Creates Additional Funding for Kids: Provides an additional \$1.99B in school funding over 6 years.
- Provides Local Relief: The plan reduces the need for local levies that rely on property taxes.
- Equitably Fixes the Formula: The plan helps all kids, but prioritizes the most in need -- 70% of all the revenue will go to the poorest districts.
- Reimagines School Choice: Direct funding for charters and vouchers from the state instead of burdening local districts.
- Establishes Oversight: Will create an oversight committee to run studies and monitor progress on this plan.

I am urging this committee and the members of the Senate to amend the plan that was submitted on June 1 to meet these goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Reeder