

Please keep the **Fair School Funding Plan in the budget as written.**

My children attend school in a high poverty district. It has been badly hurt by the Ed Choice Voucher deductions. In our city, vouchers are used by families who never planned to send their children to public schools. There is no relationship between the quality of our schools and voucher use in my district. My kids used to have teachers and psychologists assigned to their schools, now they are sharing these educators across schools. This hurts educators and kids.

My city also has high property taxes. The community is becoming increasingly unwilling to pass school levies. There is a tremendous cost to doing nothing to fix this long-standing problem. Kids have been paying the price for decades, we owe them a huge debt.

The Fair School Funding Plan will reduce our reliance on property taxes, separate voucher funding from local school district budgets, and give all Ohioans access to a high-quality public education. Public education is the heart of our democracy. This is written into the Constitution of the State of Ohio. **Please invest in our most precious resource.**

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