

Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Kathy DuBose. I am a graduate of a public school system here in Ohio, a supporter and advocate of public school education. I'm here to urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

Myself, as well family members and friends, are graduates of our local K-12 public school system which provided an excellent foundation and opportunities for our careers in STEM, local and international business, education (K-12 and Higher Ed), political, poet laureate, professional sports, healthcare professions (nurses, physicians, community health, mental, emotional and physical health). Quite frankly, I cannot imagine our trajectories had we not been the fortunate recipients of a robust, funded public school education. It is also important to note that not only parents and student scholars benefit from public school education, but so does the local and greater community.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Thank you.