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

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. My name is Kristin Bowes. I am a lifelong Ohio resident, parent of students in public education and have worked as a School Psychologist in public education for 23 years. I urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

Strong public schools are the foundation of a thriving community, economy and democracy. Every dollar invested in public education yields long-term economic benefits, including higher earnings, lower unemployment and decreased reliance on social services. Well-funded schools increase property values and attract businesses.

Please invest in Ohio's future and the 90% of students who attend public schools by including the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget. Please secure access to high-quality education regardless of zip code for long-term prosperity for our state.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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