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 Carrie Thompson. I am a professional mother of two children who have benefited greatly from the Madeira school system. I'm here to urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

I know how important the public schools systems are to Ohio and our youth. Education is vital to prosperity. Without funding our school systems will crumble and our future will suffer greatly. It is imperative that we invest in our children and our future.

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.

Carrie Thompson