

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

Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony today. My name is John Mangan. I am a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. Me and my wife raised three children who were all educated in the Forest Hills School District. I'm here to urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

My personal experiences have provided me with many examples of the value provided by public schools. My mother taught in the Cincinnati Public School District for 30 years. Growing up I saw first hand the positive impact she made on several students including mentoring students who needed extra support and guidance. I attended the same public school through 6th grade and was provided the opportunity to participate in programs that helped me realize my maximum potential as a student and person. That has carried over to my three children who all are different but all were able to receive the education and support they needed at that point in time in their life. Ohio public education has proven to be a good investment that pays off for Ohio because it develops, educates and supports all Ohio children giving them the best opportunity to be productive and positive citizens.

Considering that Ohio public schools support over 1.8 million students and employ's more than 245,000 Ohians, I think it is critical to continue the funding that will provide public education advantages for many years to come. Instead of cuts I hope our elected leaders look at ways to expand state support for Ohio Public School districts.

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.

Please let me know if you have any follow up questions.

Thank you for your time,
John Mangan