

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 Stephanie Naylor. I am a Loveland, OH resident and I have sent all 3 of my children to Loveland City Schools. I currently have 2 children in the High School. I'm here to urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

We are the ranked 45 out of 50 states in Education. Our district, Loveland City School District, is currently receiving \$4,250 per student in state funding, which is less than 85% of Ohio public school districts. Reducing that amount would have a major impact on our District's five-year forecast. If this bill passes, Loveland would suffer a catastrophic loss of \$25,000,000 over the next four years. Replacing these funds would require voters to approve approximately 22 mills of new local property taxes over the same period of time. Currently, the per-pupil state share of the base cost cannot be less than 10%. We ask that it be raised to 20%. Increase the state share minimum to ensure that public education remains a shared state and local responsibility.

Public Schools have been wonderful for my children. All 3 of my children have been able to participate in Showchoir, which local private schools do not offer. This gives them a opportunity to meet friends, do something they love. My oldest now goes to College of Conservatory of Music at UC due to her time in Showchoir and at Loveland.

My son has been on an IEP since Preschool and with the Wonderful help of the public school system he has grown leaps and bounds. He was a nonverbal 3 year old when he entered Loveland City Schools and by the time he was 4 he was verbal and now he is in typical classes and planing to go to college. Due to the wonderful education that he recieved at Loveland City Schools.

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.

I will now take any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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