

Chairman Brenner, Vice Chairman Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and Members of the House Education Committee, I am writing to you today as a Member of Shaker Heights Board of Education and a parent of a public school student to ask for your support in fully funding Ohio's public schools by completely phasing in the Fair School Funding Plan with the Governor's new budget bill with updated cost calculations.

The new budget represents a critical moment for Ohio's public schools. The support the Fair School Funding Plan has received over the past four years has been encouraging at the local level. However, with so many uncertainties at the Federal level it's more important than ever that the State underscore its commitment to public education by fully implementing the funding plan and changing the cost calculations to reflect today's expenses.

The Shaker Heights City Schools are committed to Equity and Excellence for our students. Our schools must be properly and completely funded to provide this for every student and we need your support to do it. Thank you for your attention and support.

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