

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 Tara Miller. I am the mother of two children that attend public schools in Ohio and a proud graduate of Milford public schools. I'm here to urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

When we moved to Ohio 10 years ago, we did our research on public schools and chose to live in Loveland, OH due to the success of it's students and the opportunities it provided for educating our children. In these past ten years, we have seen levys fail and watched our school leaders work hard to sustain the education programs that have made the Loveland City School District a public school many parents seek out for their children. The levy system and relying on residents to fund public schools is not effective or sustainable for public schools.

Loveland City School District is doing a great job being transparent with how they manage their finances and they are good stewards of the financial support they currently get from the State. Our school district currently receives \$4,250 per student from state funding which is less than 85% of Ohio public school districts. Reducing this funding would be catastrophic for our public school system and our community as we have already made cuts to some education programs and bussing in the last several years.

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.

Witness information attached. I would be happy to answer any questions via email, phone, or text.

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