

March 2, 2025

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

Thank you for accepting my testimony. My name is Julia Almaguer. I am a mother, an Ohio educator, and a citizen who cares deeply about our state of Ohio. I am writing to urge the Education Committee to continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget.

90% of Ohio students attend public schools. They deserve schools that are properly and constitutionally funded. My Ohio family, throughout the generations, has benefitted from the Ohio public school education that they received. Without that education, my brother and I never would have had the lives and opportunities afforded to us. ALL Ohio students deserve the best education possible for themselves and for the future of our families and state.

Ohio's bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan took years to pass. Vast research, edits, and debate went into it. A **bipartisan** group of legislators made it a reality. There is NO excuse for abandoning this plan now, in its final phase of implementation.

Please support ONLY a state operating budget that includes the full, bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan and the resources needed to fund it properly. Support our Ohio students and families, who are **your constituents**. Support our Ohio economy by providing students with a sound education that leads to successful employment and life opportunities.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Julia Almaguer