

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 Leslie Rasmussen. I am a professor and former Ohio school board member. I'm here to urge the committee to continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget. The majority of students in Ohio attend public schools -- they are often the focal points within communities. We have begged for years to properly fund our schools in order to elevate Ohio students. We can look to Iowa to see how poorly this went in that state. Please do not let the same happen to Ohio students.

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 submit testimony.

Thanks,

Leslie Rasmussen, Ph.D.