

**Proponent Testimony for House Bill 96
Education Committee
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Molly Shea, community member

Chair Fowler, Vice Chair Odioso and members of the Education committee of the Ohio House of Representatives:

Thank you for taking in my testimony today. My name is Molly Shea and I am proud to call Columbus my home and have been born and raised here in Ohio. I am here to advocate for fully funding Ohio's public schools in the budget bill.

Fully funding our public schools will mean we get to have a better educated population that will provide a strong base for a safe community, good economy, and healthy neighborhoods. Doing so will help reduce the uneven and unfair access to education and resources students across the state. Our budget needs to include adjusting for inflation and keep funding guarantees that will allow our schools to plan for the future of our kids.

Public education is a cornerstone of our society and if we don't invest in it today, we'll increase the disparities society creates. Our schools should, and need to be, a place where all students can thrive.

I ask that you please consider my testimony and vote yes to funding the Fair School Funding Plan. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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