

March 3, 2025

RE: Senate Bill – Fair School Funding

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

Thank you for receiving my testimony. My name is Emily Chesnut, I live in Clermont County. I am a mom to four kids, school board member for Milford Exempted Village School District, and supporter of public education. I urge you to fully fund the final phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in Ohio's budget.

I grew up attending public school and received a great education. When we were looking to purchase a family home to grow our family we chose our location based on the availability of public education and have been very pleased with our public school experience for all four of my kids including IEPs, 504 plans, Gifted programs and so much more. I am worried about our ability to maintain all of these programs going forward if we lose state funding for our public schools.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget, including the tools needed to implement it properly. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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