

**Testimony for House Bill 96**

House Education Committee

3/4/2025

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I know school funding is an issue important to many citizens in Ohio. My name is Molly Snodgrass and I am a parent of two children in the Big Walnut Local School District.

I am writing to urge the Committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget. In addition, please insist that the Fair School Funding Plan cost basis be updated to use the most recently available data for its cost inputs. To fund the Fair School Funding Plan using outdated data will effectively reduce the state's share of funding for many school districts, shifting the burden to local taxpayers to make up the difference through tax levies, which are difficult to pass in many districts. Districts which receive reduced funding from the state and are unable to pass additional local levies will ultimately have to resort to cutting staff and/or educational programs, to the detriment of students. It is imperative that the Fair School Funding Plan be fully phased in, and at current costs.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to fully and fairly support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Again, please include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget, using current data.

Thank you again for the opportunity to have my voice heard.

Molly Snodgrass

Sunbury, Ohio