

Testimony for House Bill 96
House Education Committee
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Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, and members of the Education Committee of the Ohio House:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony today. My name is Lindsey Wyckoff.

I am a North Canton City Schools Board of Education member and work for the American Cancer Society as the Director, Regional Integrated Marketing. I am writing to you today in support of fully funding Ohio's public schools in the budget bill.

In my previous testimony, I talked about how access to education is a human right. Public education provides individuals from all socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, religions, and abilities with the opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and qualifications that can level the playing field, allowing them to access better jobs, participate fully in society, and overcome barriers related to their origin.

Our public education system is critical in ensuring that our country has an educated population and workforce. But, when you zoom into the granular impact that our public schools have on their respective communities – the impact is huge.

Whether it's a Friday night football game, high school musical, or programming from a local nonprofit for our middle-school students, public schools are the heart and soul of our community.

One parent told me, "Our district was a beacon of stability for me growing up and for my two children. I enjoyed the academics and choral music programs. My daughter loved the art classes and speech and debate and AP courses. My son loved CCP classes and Interactive media and cross country."

PLEASE support fully funding Ohio's public schools so that ALL students have the opportunity to access a quality education and reach their full potential – and so that communities continue to have a built in way of connecting with their neighbors.

I ask that you please consider my testimony and vote yes to funding the Fair School Funding Plan. Additionally, implementing the cost inputs would allow public schools to be fully funded. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Lindsey Wyckoff