

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

Thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony today. My name is Jennifer Ginder, and I am the mom of two Loveland City School graduates and a freelance editor. I'm here to urge the committee to fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget.

**Please show Ohio that you care about its students.** As state leaders I know you appreciate your contribution to the success of our state. You can't be pleased that our public schools rank 45th out of 50 in per-student funding. In fact, the students of the Loveland City Schools, where my family lives, already receive less state funding per student than 85% of Ohio school districts. And Loveland already spends less than 55% of the districts in Ohio.

You have the opportunity to demonstrate your leadership, to truly represent your constituents, by voting to fully phase in the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan – including the phase-in and update the inputs – into Ohio's budget. Ohio's three-part, bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan took years to pass. Incredible amounts of research, edits, and debate went into it. Legislators from both sides of the aisle helped make it a reality. There is NO excuse for abandoning this plan now, in its final phase of implementation. Fulfilling this commitment is especially important at a time when there seems to be an appetite in the statehouse to spend massive dollars on private school funding instead of finishing its commitment to the 90% of Ohio kids who attend public schools. They deserve schools that are properly and constitutionally funded.

I ask you to please consider my testimony and ONLY support a state operating budget that includes the full, bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan and the resources needed to fund it properly.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ginder