

House Education Committee

House Bill 96

Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Education Committee, Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Julie Apley-Kanable. I am a parent of three children within the Olentangy Local School District. My oldest has graduated and chose to stay in Ohio to further her education. My younger two are attending middle school and high school, respectively. I am very proud of the education that all three of my children have received at Olentangy and I am an advocate for public education.

I'm here to urge the committee to continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget.

As you are aware, Olentangy and other districts in Delaware County have had tremendous growth. Along with higher property values and rising costs, we are all feeling the squeeze. As parents and community members, we cannot continue to make up the difference when our school is not fully funded.

This is NOT the time to take money from public education and funnel it to private education. Private schools should NEVER receive more funding than any public school.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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