

My name is Amanda Subler Abounader. I'm a parent of two students in one of the best public school districts in the state of Ohio, the Solon School District.

I urge the committee to make sure the Fair School Funding Plan is included in the 2026-27 state budget with up-to-date costs.

I purposely enrolled my children in public schools instead of choosing a private school option, even though my husband attended private schools here in Ohio his entire life.

I grew up in rural Ohio attending a great public school there, Versailles Exempted Schools. I had a great education and many fond memories of attending public school which is exactly what I wanted for my children.

I thought, why send them to private schools when we have great public schools in Ohio?

I'm urging you to make sure we keep these great public schools.

Ninety-percent of students in Ohio attend public schools so there should be NO question about whether or not we should fund them. And if we need the money, then it should be taken from the unconstitutional voucher program currently unconstitutionally siphoning our public tax money away from our public schools.

I ask you to consider my testimony and please include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

-Amanda Subler Abounader

Concerned parent