

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Drewe Warndorff and I am both a parent and an educator in the Cincinnati Public Schools district. I am writing to urge the committee to fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget, including updated data inputs.

CPS serves over 34,000 children: 29,000 (85%) of which are from economically disadvantaged families and often come to school for basic needs (food, clothing, medical care, etc); 3,400 (10%) come from families where a language other than English is spoken at home; and 2,800 (8%) have an identified disability. These numbers represent real students, with real needs that are often not met within the traditional general education setting. Cutting funding to our public schools will decrease the services and supports we can provide to our children, 90% of which attend public schools.

I ask you to consider my testimony and fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget, including updated data inputs. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.