

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

Thank you for reading my testification. My name is Megan Taylor. I am a mom of a child in the South Western City School district, an outpatient speech therapist that sees children in urban Columbus, and an active PTA member. I am here to urge the committee to fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget, including updated data inputs.

I fully believe in and support our public schools. I have had a wonderful experience in my children's schools from Kindergarten to 7th grade (my oldest) in supporting my children's educational needs, included from 504 plans to the gifted programs; I have also seen the impact of schools that go without proper funding, and the poor attempts to replace public schools with subpar private charter schools that do not offer what the children in the communities I serve really need. Funding public schools needs to include all schools, all communities, all kids.

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.