

Chairman Cirino, Vice Chair Chavez, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Finance Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Amanda Subler Abounader. I'm a product of Ohio public schools and 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, 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. I believe that ALL children in Ohio deserve the best public education.

Ninety percent of students in Ohio attend public schools so there should be NO question about fully funding them. And if we need the money, then it should be taken from the unconstitutional voucher program currently siphoning our public tax money away from our public schools. We also should NOT be giving taxpayer dollars to the billionaire owners of the Cleveland Browns. Our children deserve better.

I ask you to consider my testimony and please include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget, fully funded & with up-to-date cost inputs.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

-Amanda Subler Abounader

Concerned parent