

Testimony for House Bill 96
Senate Finance Committee
June 2, 2025

Chair Jerry Cirino, Vice Chair Brian Chavez, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Finance Committee of the Ohio Senate, thank you for considering my written testimony.

HB96 allocated \$268 million to Public Schools and \$500 to Non-public Schools. This is a total of \$768 million

Total funds = \$768 million

Funds for Public Schools = \$268

Funds for non-Public Schools = \$500

Ohio's student population consists of 90% Public School Students and 10% Non-public School Students.

90% of Ohio's Students attend Public Schools

10% of Ohio's Students attend non-Public Schools

It stands to reason, that the **90% of the students should receive 90% of the \$768 million**. And the 10% should receive 10%.

The Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) provides an equitable means to fund our public schools where 90% of our Ohio K-12 students attend.

To summarize, the total funds equal \$768 million.

Public Schools serve 90% of Ohio Students

The FSFP should be funded with \$691.2 million (90% of the funds in HB96)

I respectfully request that you amend HB 96 to distribute the funds equitably. Fund the **FSFP** with **\$691.2 million**.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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