

## **FINAL WOLF BUDGET IS CRUCIAL DOWN PAYMENT TOWARD CLOSING PA'S CHRONIC SCHOOL FUNDING GAP**

**THE DOWN PAYMENT PA  
KIDS NEED & DESERVE**

**\$1.75B**

### **TALKING POINTS**

- Pennsylvania's chronic underfunding is failing students and local taxpayers and weakening Pennsylvania's future.
- 277 Pennsylvania districts need more than \$2,000 more per student to adequately support their students' learning needs, totaling a need of \$4.6 billion statewide to adequately educate our children.
- Governor Wolf's proposal for \$1.75 billion in new funding is exactly the kind of significant down payment in public education that our children need and deserve.
- Without a substantial increase in funding from Harrisburg along the lines of what Governor Wolf has proposed, thousands and thousands of kids will go without the basics because of where they live.
- That reality is being played out in classrooms across the Commonwealth, and the COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the inequities and inadequacies that have long been in place.
- The state legislature can fix the inequality and deprivation that we see in PA.
- The state **HAS THE MONEY** to make this kind of investment this year, and we cannot let our kids fall further behind.

**BOTTOM LINE: Thanks to Governor Wolf for once again recognizing the need for a significant down payment on what we owe our students - including accelerating funding to districts that have the greatest needs through the Level Up program and expanding support for special education and CTE. Now is the time to make that needed investment in our kids and our communities.**

CLOSE PENNSYLVANIA'S **\$4.6B** PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING GAP

Property taxes are rising, and public schools are struggling.

**A major down payment in the FY 2022-23 budget is an urgent necessity.**