

PENNSYLVANIA MUST DO MORE TO HELP STUDENTS RECOVER ACADEMICALLY AFTER THE PANDEMIC



Recently released state test scores are the latest proof that the pandemic took a toll on Pennsylvania's students.

The percentages of students working at or above their grade level fell in nearly every subject, including math, English, and all sciences except biology.

Though the percentage of students taking the state assessments dropped because of the pandemic, likely making the results less reliable than in other years, the scores echo concerns coming from parents, teachers, and school administrators that students have been struggling.

What do we do to help students recover?

On top of everything students normally should have to be successful, they will need focused attention from their teachers, tutoring, and other support to help them recover and catch up. That will require the state to step up with a greater investment.

With Pennsylvania ranked 45th in state share of education funding, after decades of state underfunding, many schools and students needed more resources even before the pandemic hit.

Even with one-time federal Covid recovery money that won't last, schools need much more from the state so students can catch up.

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.