A BOLD INVESTMENT IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD BE A GAME-CHANGER IN THE CLASSROOM

Pennsylvania ranks near the bottom in state share of funding for public schools. Pennsylvania school districts are underfunded by an eye-popping $4.6 billion each year.

But what does that mean at the district level?

• When the state doesn’t invest adequately in our public schools, it puts excessive pressure on local property taxes to fund schools.

• School districts raise taxes and still struggle to balance their budgets and give students the educational opportunities they need and deserve.

• When districts are forced to cut because the state won’t pay its share, it means larger class sizes; fewer teachers, counselors, nurses, and reading and math specialists; and fewer opportunities for our kids to be grow through art, music, and STEM programs.

Governor Wolf’s proposal for $1.75 billion in new education funding for public schools is exactly the kind of significant down payment in public education that our children need and deserve.

Education Voters of Pennsylvania has created an interactive map to show how much additional funding each school district in the state would receive if lawmakers pass Governor Wolf’s 2022-23 proposal for K-12 education.

The state legislature can take a big step toward fixing the inequality and deprivation that we see in PA public schools. This is the year to make an aggressive investment in our public schools.

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.