

THE HOUSE MAJORITY DELIVERED FOR PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS

NOW IT'S THE SENATE'S CHANCE TO CLOSE THE DEAL

PA Schools Work applauds the majority in the Pennsylvania House who listened to the needs of students and recognized that the state is failing to meet its constitutional obligation to ensure that all students get a quality education, no matter where they live.

The House passed a state budget bill that increases funding for public schools. It builds on the increase proposed by the governor and represents the kind of down payment needed to begin dealing with the deep inequities in the state's school funding system. The House budget includes these badly needed investments:

- \$667.4 million more in basic education funding for all public schools through the state's fair funding formula
- \$225 million in Level Up funding to the 100 school districts that need help the most after years of inadequate and inequitable state funding
- \$153.8 million more for Special Education to support students with disabilities and unique educational support needs
- \$250 million for facilities and school modernization

These investments will support student success and help hold down local property taxes while moving the state a step closer to fixing its broken school funding system.

With a \$5 billion surplus this year and another \$5.5 billion in the state's Rainy Day Fund, this budget is easily affordable. There is no reason to make students wait.

The governor is on board with these new investments for Pennsylvania's students.

The PA Senate should embrace them as well and pass them as part of the final state budget.

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

Property taxes are rising, and public schools are struggling.