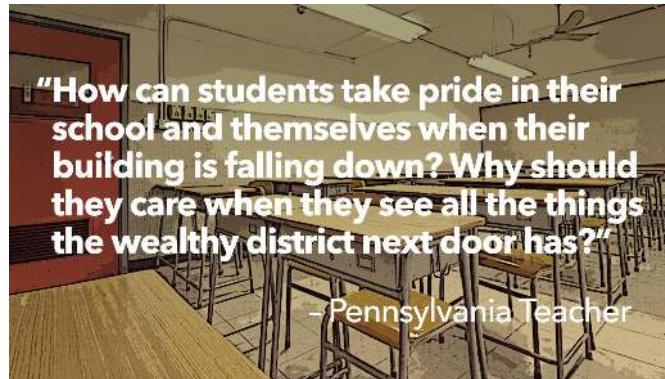


TEACHERS PAINT A VIVID PICTURE OF HOW STUDENTS SUFFER FROM EDUCATION UNDERFUNDING



According to school funding experts, PA schools are underfunded by at least \$4.6 billion, leaving thousands of PA students and teachers behind.

To better understand the impact of underfunded schools in the commonwealth, Teach Plus Pennsylvania Policy Fellows conducted focus groups of more than 100 Pennsylvania teachers, who agreed that the state's underfunding of schools:

- has a devastating impact on student and teacher mental health;
- hinders the school's ability to attract and retain sufficient teachers and staff to meet student needs; and
- leads to crumbling school infrastructure and facilities that create unsafe learning environments.

These findings make clear the harmful and long-lasting impacts of underfunding Pennsylvania schools. Pennsylvania lawmakers must listen to the voices of those who work closest with our students - teachers - by including Governor Wolf's proposed \$1.8 billion increase in education funding in the 2022-2023 state budget. If Pennsylvania continues to leave teachers behind, our children will be left behind as well.

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.