

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED FULL & FAIR FUNDING NOW

Governor Shapiro's 2025-26 budget proposal takes important steps toward fixing Pennsylvania's unconstitutional school funding system, but more urgent action is needed to ensure every student gets the education they deserve.

What We're Fighting For:



CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE WITH URGENCY:

The state must accelerate efforts to close the remaining \$4 billion adequacy gap affecting 70% of Pennsylvania students. We have seen that targeted funding works - schools are already using new resources to hire teachers, restore programs, and improve facilities. This part of the budget proposal is non-negotiable.

Remaining
Adequacy
Gap



SUPPORT FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS: While focusing aid on the 348 most underfunded districts, we are calling for increases in basic education funding (BEF) and special education funding (SEF) for all 500 districts to keep pace with rising costs.

11%



ESSENTIAL REFORMS: The proposed cyber charter funding reform is crucial - without it, increases in other funding won't keep up with inflation in most districts. Setting a statewide cyber charter tuition rate of \$8,000 per student would save the school districts almost \$300 million.

What schools need: This year, schools need AT LEAST \$526M in new adequacy funding and tax equity supplements, \$75M more in Basic Education Funding, \$40M more in Special Education Funding, and \$278M in net cyber savings. Anything less is unacceptable.

The Impact is Real: Recent investments are already showing positive results in classrooms across Pennsylvania. We're seeing more teachers hired, programs restored, and facilities improved. But we must build on this progress to ensure every child has access to a quality education.

The Time is Now: The state's highest court ruled our current funding system unconstitutional. We need a clear timeline and accelerated action from the legislature to fully fund our schools. Our children cannot wait.