

# INVESTING IN PENNSYLVANIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS: A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR EVERY STUDENT



Pennsylvania must fulfill its constitutional duty to provide a strong foundation for every student through a fair and adequate school funding system. While Governor Shapiro's 2025-26 budget proposal makes important progress, more urgent action is needed to ensure all children receive the education they deserve.

## What Every Student Deserves:

- ✓ **CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE WITH URGENCY:** The state must accelerate efforts to close the remaining \$4 billion adequacy gap affecting 70% of Pennsylvania students. Schools are already making responsible investments of new resources to hire teachers, restore programs, and improve facilities. This part of the budget proposal is non-negotiable.
- ✓ **FAIR FUNDING FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** While focusing investments 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 maintain strong educational foundations.
- ✓ **ESSENTIAL REFORMS:** The proposed cyber charter funding reform is crucial for the responsible management of investments. Setting a statewide cyber charter tuition rate of \$8,000 per student would allow districts to invest an additional \$300 million in classroom education.

**Remaining  
Adequacy  
Gap**

**11%**

**What schools deserve and need:** This year, schools require AT LEAST \$526M in new adequacy funding, \$75M more in Basic Education Funding, \$40M more in Special Education Funding, and 278M in net cyber savings to provide a strong foundation for every student.

**The Impact is Real:** Recent investments are already showing positive results in classrooms across Pennsylvania. We're seeing more responsible and successful outcomes through teacher hiring, program restoration, and facility improvements.

**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 ensure fair and adequate funding for our schools.

**Join us in calling on the General Assembly to support and strengthen the Governor's proposal. Every Pennsylvania student deserves a strong educational foundation that prepares them with real-world skills for success.**

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