

Please fix our school funding system

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO A QUALITY EDUCATION REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE. BUT PENNSYLVANIA'S SYSTEM FOR FUNDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS BROKEN.

The PASA-PASBO Report on School District Budgets shows that in order to balance 2015-16 budgets:

- 70% of districts plan to raise local property taxes.
- 41% of districts will reduce staffing.
- Nearly one-quarter of all districts will reduce or eliminate valuable programs.

PENNSYLVANIANS SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN STATE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Please act quickly to restore funding cuts by at least \$410 million for the 2015-16 fiscal year, and begin implementing the new funding formula as unanimously adopted by the Basic Education Funding Commission.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Our schools need this new funding in order to prevent more devastating cuts.

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