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Campaign for Fair Education Funding: More Needed in State Budget for Basic Education Funding

HARRISBURG (JUNE 30, 2015) – *The Campaign for Fair Education Funding* today said that the FY2015-16 state budget passed by the General Assembly does not provide the state dollars needed to begin closing the funding gap between the state’s poorest and wealthiest districts, which is the widest disparity of any state in the country. Nor does it appropriate enough to prevent more teacher and other staff layoffs, academic program cuts, and local property tax increases.

“We need an equitable new formula for distributing state education dollars, accompanied by a sufficient increase in state funding for our schools,” added Campaign spokesperson Charlie Lyons.

“There is growing bipartisan support for a fair funding formula, but the education funding in this budget is not enough to address the impact of prior cuts and move us toward the goal of ensuring all students have an opportunity for success no matter where they live.”

The campaign is made up of more than 50 member organizations representing educators, labor, business leaders, faith-based organizations, child advocates, charter schools, and traditional public schools, with representatives from rural, urban and growing school districts. Learn more about the Campaign for Fair Education Funding at www.fairfundingpa.org.

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