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## **SCHOOL LEADERS RESPOND TO BUDGET SURVEY; CALL FOR ACTION, EQUITY AND ADEQUATE FUNDING**

HARRISBURG, PA (February 23, 2015) – Education leaders sounded off today in response to the findings of an update to the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) and Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) annual budget survey.

*“The results of this year’s survey show a troubling trend of increased financial pressures on school districts. We remain hopeful that this year we will see the creation of a funding formula that will positively impact schools across the state and once and for all reverse this trend. Investing in public education remains the best way to strengthen Pennsylvania’s future.”*

**– Nathan Mains, Executive Director, Pennsylvania School Boards Association**

*“The current PASA-PASBO report highlights the critical need for a fair education funding formula. Our members have been expressing concerns about cuts in programs and people, which directly affect the students in a negative way. The low hanging fruit has been picked clean and we need the State to take action on fixing the way we fund education in order to protect our most precious resource – our children.”*

**– Dr. Paul M. Healey, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals**

*“The results of this well conducted survey serve to confirm the serious impact of funding cuts on poor, rural schools. Continued failure by the state to provide fair and adequate funding will be disastrous to many thousands of rural students.”*

**– Joseph Bard, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools**

Read the update to the PASA-PASBO annual budget survey [here](#).

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