



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

July 25, 2018

Dear Superintendent:

Recently, we have received questions regarding the Governor's policy on school funding. As has been demonstrated through his work with districts across the commonwealth, he does not support cutting funding to any districts. The Governor advocates for policies that achieve a fair and adequate funding for all districts as quickly as possible. That means investing in all school in Pennsylvania.

Since 2015, the Governor has worked with historic majorities in the General Assembly to increase the state's share of education funding, with the goal of covering at least 50 percent of education costs and ensuring that every school – rural, urban, and suburban – has the funding it needs to provide a thorough and efficient education for every child.

Governor Wolf has made clear his strong commitment to education by securing more than \$1 billion in funding for education, regardless of the district's geographic location.

Governor Wolf has provided unprecedented support to high-quality pre-k programs, increasing the number of children able to attend pre-kindergarten by 60 percent.

Governor Wolf is ensuring students are college and career ready. He advanced Pennsylvania to third in the nation in the number of nationally-recognized STEM ecosystems, made the commonwealth the fifth largest producer of STEM graduates, and expanded enrollment in Advanced Placement coursework by 10 percent. Overall, he also increased the number of career and technical education (CTE) students earning industry-recognized credentials by 32.2 percent and increased the number of credentials earned by students enrolled in CTE programs by 28.4 percent.

Governor Wolf knows that not every student is going to a four-year college. That is why this year he created a first-of-its-kind investment in workforce training and apprenticeship programs through his PAsmart initiative to improve opportunities for all students in Pennsylvania.

All of this has been made possible by working directly with you to understand the unique needs of every school. We should be proud of these efforts, though more can be done to provide administrators, school boards, and educators with the investments necessary to improve outcomes in the classroom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sarah Galbally".

Sarah Galbally
Secretary of Policy and Planning