



On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we respectfully urge the Senate to **oppose Senate Bill 10**.

Increased state investment in our public school system is a continued priority for Pennsylvania, particularly following the Commonwealth Court’s decision in February of 2023 rendering the existing system of education funding unconstitutional. We must now continue the hard work of ensuring there is equitable funding, supports, facilities, and most importantly, opportunities for students across all 500 school districts.

Our associations are excited by the General Assembly’s swift action and ongoing commitment to consistently enact adequate and sustained investments to address both the constitutional inequities and forward-facing basic and special education funding formulas. However, it would be a disservice to the students of Pennsylvania—nearly 90 percent of whom attend public schools—to even consider tuition vouchers before we have completed the work of bringing our educational funding system into constitutional compliance. Further, both the Commonwealth and public schools are facing significant uncertainty regarding federal education funding levels.

Our associations strongly and unequivocally oppose Senate Bill 10 and similar voucher proposals. The timing of these legislative initiatives only serves to distract the legislature and education community from the critical work of focusing on equitably funding our public schools in the 2025-26 state budget. What’s more, it duplicates efforts already in existence within the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program.

Once again, as we continue to grapple with the work of implementing a program of public education funding which is constitutionally compliant, we ask for your opposition to Senate Bill 10. School vouchers are the worst possible solution offered at the worst possible time, and we will vehemently oppose their inclusion on the 2025-2026 state budget.

The Commonwealth has an opportunity to move our public schools in the right direction, and, collectively, we must take that opportunity and work to fund, redefine, and innovate our public schools.

Thank you,

Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators (PACTA)

Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU)

Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS)

Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA)

Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO)

Pennsylvania Principals Association

Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA)

Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)