

Come One Come All Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Confused about Pennsylvania's current system for funding public schools, the Fair Funding Formula, LevelUp, and what an upcoming court case might mean for it all?

"The nation's most fiscally disadvantaged local public-school districts of significant size lie to the north and west of Philadelphia, in the districts of Reading and Allentown."
--Bruce Baker, Center for American Progress

**Join us: Tuesday, August 10, 2021,
from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**

Zoom Link: Please click this URL to join.

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With presentations from:

Lawyers from The Public Interest Law Center and Education Law Center-PA, who will explain the historic school funding lawsuit, *William Penn School District v. Pennsylvania Department of Education*, which is slated for court on September 9, 2021

A representative from Pennsylvanians for Fair Funding, a group that advocates for education funding reforms to ensure that PA meets its constitutional guarantee of "a thorough and efficient system of public education" for all children

Allentown School District (ASD) Students and Parents as they urge the PA General Assembly to provide a fair, adequate, and predictable funding system that enables all children to meet state academic standards and does not discriminate against low-wealth school districts

Followed by a Question and Answer Session

Ending with Call to Action:

- QR Code (Take action now → → →)
- Calls and Resolutions
- Post-Card Campaign
- **Rally Sept 9, 2021 in Harrisburg**

Data courtesy of FundOurSchoolsPA.org

THE PENNSYLVANIA FAIR FUNDING INITIATIVE

The Fair Funding Initiative is a grassroots coalition made up of local community members who are fighting for 100% fair and equitable education funding for all children in the state of Pennsylvania.



Underfunded schools

86% of students attend school districts that are not adequately funded under Pennsylvania state law. (Section 2502.48 of School Code, enacted in 2008)



Funding

Pennsylvania spends an average of \$4,800 less per pupil on students in poor districts. Growing school districts receive \$1.14 billion less than the fair funding formula says they should.

Funding Formula

Taxpayers in Pennsylvania's poorest districts pay the highest school tax rates, yet their schools still have the least to spend on students who need the most. According to the formula built into state law, districts need \$4.6 billion more invested over time to adequately educate Pennsylvania children.



Who does this hurt?

Underfunded districts currently educate 78% of all Black students and 82% of all Hispanic students



Locally

Allentown is one of the nation's top 3 most fiscally disadvantaged local public-school districts. Even with the LevelUp Funding bill, Allentown School District is worse off than last year and will be underfunded by over \$100M in 2021-2022

The Lawsuit

The underlying case asks the court to rule that the way legislature currently funds education is unconstitutional. Petitioners ask the court to order the state to create and maintain a constitutional school funding system that enables all students to receive the resources they need to meet Pennsylvania's state standards.

Court Case set for September 9th

WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Call to Action

