How to ask your school board to pass a resolution in support of the school funding lawsuit

Option 1: Attending the meeting in person

BEFORE THE MEETING

- 1. Check your school board's public comment policy. Typically, there will be a time for public comment on non-agenda items.
- 2. <u>Fill out this form</u> to request copies of <u>this 2-page school funding lawsuit explainer</u>. We will mail these to you along with small slips of paper that detail how underfunded your school district is.
- 3. Write your comments (HERE are draft comments you can use).
- 4. Find the email for the school board secretary and email her the following information:
 - A request to make public comment and a copy of your comments, which include the "ask" of the board to consider passing the resolution in support of the school funding lawsuit.
 - Here is a sample email text: Dear school board secretary. I live in the district and am writing to ask that the school board consider passing the attached resolution, which demonstrates support for Pennsylvania's school funding lawsuit. Please share my attached public comment with board members. Thank you very much.
 - The 2-page document from Fund Our Schools PA about the school funding lawsuit.
 - The 2-page document with the school board resolution and instructions.
 - (Optional) The graphic that shows how underfunded your school district is from www.FundOurSchoolsPA.org.

AT THE MEETING

- 1. Arrive early and bring the Fund Our Schools PA 2-pager with you.
- 2. Stand outside of the doors where people will enter for the meeting and give them a handout.
- 3. Bring a copy of your comments.
- 4. Make your comments during the public comment period and ask the board to pass the resolution in support of the school funding lawsuit.

Option 2: Not attending the meeting

- 1. Find the email for the school board secretary.
- 2. Email her the following and ask her to share this information with the superintendent and all school board members
 - Your comments, which include the "ask" of the board to consider passing the resolution in support of the school funding lawsuit (see above)
 - The 2-page document from Fund Our Schools PA about the school funding lawsuit.
 - The 2-page document with the school board resolution and instructions.
 - (Optional) The graphic that shows how underfunded your school district is from www.FundOurSchoolsPA.org.
- 3. Check the school board agenda for upcoming meetings to learn if your board will be considering the resolution.



