

# PASSING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

## Frequently Asked Questions

Passing such a resolution demonstrates support for a statewide solution to Pennsylvania's failure to meet its constitutional mandate to ensure quality public education in every community.

The resolution is specifically a statement in support of Governor Shapiro's 2024-25 public education budget proposal and the long-term plan for adequate and equitable public school funding put forward by the majority of the Basic Education Funding Commission and endorsed by the governor. This comprehensive plan was developed in response to Commonwealth Court's decision in the school funding lawsuit, which found that our current funding system deprives students in low-wealth communities of the quality public education promised by the Pennsylvania state constitution.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a public school funding system that allocates resources based on what students need to reach their potential—not what their local communities can afford. Right now in Pennsylvania, the students who need the most support have the least, because of where they live. This plan could change that.

### **Who can propose and pass a resolution in support of the school funding lawsuit?**

Any organization can propose and pass a resolution in support of constitutional public school funding – a community group, a PTO, a PTA, a home school association, a school board, a municipal organization such as a borough council, etc.

### **Why should an organization propose and pass the resolution?**

It is vital that people in every corner of the commonwealth are talking about the issue of fair and adequate state funding for our public schools. Public education advocates have a very important role to play in demanding action and then holding state lawmakers accountable for ensuring that all schools receive adequate and equitable funding to meet our children's educational needs. **We MUST demand action from every branch of government.**

Passing a resolution in support of constitutional public school funding is an effective way to raise awareness of the issue of inequitable school funding in your community and to publicly show that local organizations support a state funding system that will allow all students to succeed civically, academically and socially and does not discriminate against low-wealth school districts. ***Even proposing the resolution at a public meeting will get people talking about the issue of inequitable public school funding in Pennsylvania.***

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## What should our organization do after we pass the resolution?

If your organization passes a resolution in support of the school funding lawsuit, please make sure to: send a copy of the resolution to:

- Your state senators and representatives. Find their information at [Find Your Legislator PA](#)
- Governor Josh Shapiro, Office of the Governor, 508 Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120
- PA Secretary of Education Khalid Mumin, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126
- Senate Majority Leader, Kim Ward, 292 Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120
- House Majority Leader, Joanna McClinton, 139 Main Capitol, PO Box 202191, Harrisburg, PA 17120
- Your local newspaper, along with an explanation of why your group passed it
- **Finally, send a copy of your resolution to Susan Spicka at [sspicka@educationvoterspa.org](mailto:sspicka@educationvoterspa.org) so that it will be counted and included in a list of organizations that have passed resolutions.**

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