

How to ask your school board to pass a resolution in support of constitutional state funding for public education

(Or use these instructions as a guide to ask a different organization to pass the resolution!)

Option 1: Attending the school board 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. Write your comments (see sample comments below).
3. Find the email for the school board secretary and email her the following information:
 - [A copy of the resolution](#),
 - [A copy of the FAQ document](#), and
 - A note that you will be attending the meeting and will be making public comment that will include the "ask" of the board to consider passing the resolution.
 - Here is a sample email text:

Dear school board secretary, I live in the district and am writing to let you know that I will be attending the upcoming board meeting to ask the school board to consider passing the attached resolution. This resolution is a statement in support of the General Assembly adopting Governor Shapiro's state budget proposal and passing legislation making the necessary multiyear commitment to address Pennsylvania's constitutional and moral obligation to fully and fairly fund public schools. Please share this resolution with board members for their consideration. Thank you very much.

AT THE MEETING

1. Arrive early.
2. Bring a copy of your comments, [the resolution](#), and [the FAQ document](#).
3. Make your comments during the public comment period and ask the board to consider passing the resolution.

Option 2: Not attending the school board meeting.

1. Find the email for the school board secretary, the superintendent, and all school board members
2. Email all of them:
 - [A copy of the resolution](#),
 - [A copy of the FAQ document](#), and
 - Any comment you would like to make.
3. Here is a sample email:

Dear Superintendent <insert name> and members of the school board, I live in the district and am writing to ask that the school board consider passing the attached resolution in support of the General Assembly adopting Governor Shapiro's state budget proposal and passing legislation that makes the necessary multiyear commitment to address Pennsylvania's entire

constitutional and moral obligation to fully and fairly fund public schools. Adequate, equitable, and constitutional state funding for public education would benefit our children and our entire community. Thank you very much for your work and for your consideration of this issue.

4. Check the school board agenda for upcoming meetings to learn if your board will be considering the resolution.

DRAFT public comments for a school board meeting.
Use as is, pick and choose what you like, or write your own!

Public comment for <insert name>.

Hello and thank you for your work on the school board.

I am a <district parent/community member> and am here to talk about state funding for public education. Specifically, I am here to ask the school board to consider passing a resolution in support of the General Assembly adopting Governor Shapiro's state budget proposal and passing legislation that makes the necessary multiyear commitment to address Pennsylvania's entire constitutional and moral obligation to fully and fairly fund public schools.

Adequate, equitable, and constitutional state funding for public education would benefit our children and our entire community. Students would have the resources they need to be successful in their classrooms and additional state funding would mean less reliance on local property taxes to fund our schools.

Parents know that our schools need more resources. And our entire community understands when state funding falls short, we all must pay higher property taxes to fund our local schools.

We need more funding from Harrisburg.

I hope that the board will consider passing the attached resolution and that we can come together as a community to support the adequate, equitable and constitutional state funding system that our children need and deserve. Thank you.