



## TAKE ACTION TO FULLY & FAIRLY FUND OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Right now, our state lawmakers are starting to craft the 2026-2027 state budget. The State House of Representatives will work on it first. That is where the **Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP)** is at most risk because new Speaker of the House Matt Huffman has called it “unsustainable” even though he favors increasing public dollars for private schools with vouchers. In the spring, the budget will move to the Senate, and then we will turn our attention to them. This toolkit will help you take concrete and simple steps to move our legislators to ensure all of our kids can get a world class education.

### Host a meeting with parents and public school supporters in your district.

Organizing parents to contact your own state representatives and letting them know that you want them to **fully fund the Fair School Funding Plan** can have a big impact.

TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR LEGISLATOR	SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They <b>represent your community</b> and may even be your neighbors. <b>Localize the issue</b> as much as possible.</li> <li>• <b>Speak about your personal district and experience.</b> What does it mean to your family and community?</li> <li>• <b>Explain what could happen</b> if your district loses funding from the state.</li> <li>• You do not need to be an expert in policy or state budgets, just an <b>expert in your own experience</b> and your own community.</li> <li>• <b>Keep it brief and to the point.</b></li> <li>• <b>Make a strong and direct ask:</b> Include the Fair School Funding Plan in the Budget and fund it properly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>90%</b> of Ohio students attend public school.</li> <li>• FSFP is needed to ensure kids attend schools with well-paid professional educators, cutting-edge technology, up-to-date curriculum, &amp; life-enriching extracurriculars.</li> <li>• The FSFP considers the different needs of Ohio’s small towns, large suburbs, big cities, &amp; rural communities.</li> <li>• Without the FSFP, districts will continue to over-rely on property taxes – placing those with low property values at a disadvantage, &amp; hamstringing those that are rapidly growing.</li> <li>• Many voters have felt the squeeze of higher property values &amp; rising costs. Half of local school levies failed this past cycle.</li> <li>• The FSFP corrected more than 20 years of a school funding system that was ruled unconstitutional four times by the Ohio Supreme Court.</li> </ul>