

# Action Alert: Call you State Senator and Representative and Legislative Leaders

#### Contact information below

House and Senate Leadership are working out how much funding they will dedicate to schools for the next two years. It is critically important that they <u>hear from you</u> about the importance of investing in our local schools.

### The message is straight forward - invest \$750 million in public schools and <u>link school funding to inflation.</u>

Stable, predictable funding will allow schools to invest in programming and staff to meet the needs of each and every student. \$750 million in funding will allow for increases in critical areas including:

- 1. Increasing the number of teachers of color and indigenous teachers
- 2. The first increase in English Learner funding in 18 years
- 3. 2% annual increases in basic per pupil funding
- 4. Continuation of early learning investments in Voluntary Prekindergarten
- 5. Increasing access to mental health services and wrap around supports for students' social and emotional learning needs
- 6. Special education funding to keep pace with cost increases

Please tell your legislators and legislative leaders which investments are important to you and please include the total of \$750 million over current law in your message.

When you contact your local State Senator and Representative, ask them to urge their legislative leaders to agree to a \$750 million budget target for education.

## Call your State Senator and Representative - find your state legislators contact information <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

#### Call House and Senate Leadership - see next page

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