

## **Position Statement in support of Full and Fair Funding for our Public Schools**

*Expressing support for Ohio's public K-12 schools and condemning any actions that would defund public education.*

**WHEREAS**, the mission of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children; and

**WHEREAS**, thorough and efficient public schools available to all students are foundational to our democracy and required by the Ohio state constitution (Article VI, Section 2); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair School Funding Plan was established in fiscal year 2022 with bipartisan support and was meant to be phased in over a 6-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the state share of funds distributed to local districts is decreasing and the data used to determine real cost of education our students is out-of-date; and

**WHEREAS**, special education is woefully underfunded; and

**WHEREAS**, anything less than fully funding the Fair School Funding plan at 100% by FY27 as originally set forth in the Fair School Funding Plan will negatively impact our public schools' ability to deliver the through and efficient education called for in the state constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the state government continues to establish mandates for K-12 education without providing resources to support their execution;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ohio PTA supports the Ohio Legislature and the Ohio Governor in fulfilling their constitutional obligation to fully phase in the Fair School Funding Plan and to reflection that funding in the current biennial budget approval cycle.

*Adopted by the Ohio PTA Board of Directors at the May 16, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting*