How to Write a Letter to the Editor to Support the Lawsuit and Fair and Equitable Funding for All of Pennsylvania’s Public Schools

Tips
- Click **HERE for a tool that will help you find newspapers in your area**. You may cut and paste your letter here and send the same letter to multiple newspapers in your area.
- Be brief and to the point. Your letter should be no more than 200-250 words.
- Feel free to include the talking points that are listed below or write a letter from scratch.
- Include your name, address, email and phone number. The newspaper will contact you to confirm who you are.
- If you have questions or would like support writing your letter, please contact Susan Spicka at sspicka@educationvoterspa.org.

Talking Points you may include in your letter:
- The state funding system is unfair, the most unfair in the country.
- Because most school funding comes from local property taxes, there is a huge gap between the amount of money available for the education of children in low property wealth districts and the amount for children in high property wealth districts.
- This irrational system means that children in low wealth districts don’t have the same access to the resources they need to succeed in school.
- Every child should be provided with the instruction and programs they need to learn what we expect them to learn (i.e. state standards).
- It is clear that elected officials in Harrisburg are **not** coming together to make any attempt to create a state funding structure that will provide adequate and equitable state funding to schools.
- The courts must intervene.
- To learn more about the lawsuit, please visit [http://edfundinglawsuit.wordpress.com/](http://edfundinglawsuit.wordpress.com/)

Sample Letter

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the school funding lawsuit that has been filed against the state of Pennsylvania for failing to provide a “thorough and efficient” system of public education, which is mandated in the Pennsylvania Constitution.

PA has the most unfair school funding system in the nation, with children in low wealth districts receiving less access to resources that they need to succeed in school. The state has simply not ensured that all public school students have the resources they need to meet state academic standards, which are part of the PSSA and Keystone Exam system.

It is clear that elected officials in Harrisburg are **not** coming together to make any attempt to create a state funding structure that will provide adequate and equitable state funding to schools. It is time for the courts to intervene to ensure that our state government will implement a fair system of funding for public schools that provides adequate funding and an opportunity to learn for students in every school district in PA.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe