



#FixSpecialEdFunding Coalition

Parents, disability rights advocates, faith leaders, advocacy groups, and school officials have formed a coalition to call on PA legislature fix special education funding in the PA charter law to eliminate the financial incentive for charter schools to accept only students with disabilities who require minimal services and end \$100 million in school district overpayments to charter schools for students with disabilities.

We are calling on the state legislature to apply the student-based special education funding formula to charter schools in order to match special education funding levels for charter schools with the actual cost of services for students with disabilities.

The student-based special education funding formula is the result of months of hard work that the bi-partisan Special Education Funding Commission completed in 2014. This is a thoroughly-planned and fair system for funding special education in PA that is now used to allocate all new state special education funding to school districts.

Applying the student-based special education funding formula to charter schools will match funding levels with the actual cost of services for students, eliminate the financial incentive for charters to enroll only students who require low-cost services, and end the more than \$100 million in special education overpayments that school districts send to charters each year.

Our members include:

- The Arc of Pennsylvania
- The Arc of Delaware County
- Disability Rights Pennsylvania
- Education Law Center – Pennsylvania
- Education Rights Network, Pittsburgh
- Education Voters of PA
- Keystone State Education Coalition
- League of Women Voters of PA
- One Pittsburgh
- Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools
- Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center
- Pennsylvania Council of Churches
- Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN)
- Pennsylvania School Boards Association
- Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
- Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers
- Public Interest Law Center
- SEIU Healthcare PA
- SEIU Local 32BJ
- Yinzeration