



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 116

RESOLUTION

R116 - 2018

Introduced by City Council and the Administration on October 3, 2018

Requests the State House and Senate implement the Fair Funding Formula

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania funding inequity is the worst in the United States¹; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania enacted a formula for the equitable distribution of state education funding in 2016; and

WHEREAS, less than 10% of the total education budget is actually applied through the Fair Funding Formula; and

WHEREAS, the Allentown School District receives \$80 Million less a year than it would if all funds were routed through the formula²; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Allentown, PA believes that all students deserve a quality education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown hereby requests the State House and Senate to fully implement the Fair Funding Formula by rerouting all basic education dollars through the formula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "hold harmless" provision must be ignored, because it ensures historic inequities and doesn't allow the state to move forward in a time of drastic population shifts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be sent to elected state officials in the Lehigh Valley asking for support of such measures.

¹ https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/pa-schools-are-the-nations-most-inequitable-the-new-governor-wants-to-fix-that/2015/04/22/3d2f4e3e-e441-11e4-81ea-0649268f729e_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.34b2bef3546b

² <http://www.mcall.com/opinion/white/mc-opi-pennsylvania-school-funding-disgraceful-white-20180718-story.html>