

January 31, 2017

Dear State Senator/Representative:

As a parent/guardian of a student in the Fox Chapel Area School District, I am writing to express my concerns about recent legislation that has been introduced pertaining to the shifting of property taxes to an income- and sales tax-based system. There has been much research done to show that this type of tax system does not work for funding public schools properly or fairly.

I am asking that before a change is made to the way schools are funded, that the legislators conduct much more research and come up with a well-thought out and the best plan for financing public schools. I am also asking that more information about this plan be widely disseminated through possible town hall meetings, and that you involve school districts, parents, and community members in the discussions.

Equitable school funding for ALL children in our state is of utmost importance. Our public schools are among this state's most pertinent and valuable resources and schools are vital to our children's future. We must know that the method to fund schools is a solid plan that will work. I implore the legislature to look further into this issue. We must make certain that school funding does not go backward, but forward. School funding must be good for all students and any plan to fund public schools must take that into account. The future of the children of Pennsylvania depends on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Signature

Print Name

Address