



June 4, 2019

Dear Lawmaker,

As members of PA Schools Work, a statewide coalition advocating for fair and adequate state funding for public schools, their students and the communities they serve, we write to express our organizations' specific requests regarding the 2019-2020 state budget. PA Schools Work's mission is to ensure that every public school has the funds necessary to help students succeed, regardless of their background or where they live.

PA Schools Work strongly supports Governor Wolf's proposed increases of \$200 million in basic education funding and \$50 million in special education funding.

PA Schools Work joins the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators (PACTA) in praising the governor and the many legislators who have prioritized career and technical education (CTE). However, PA Schools Work is requesting that the \$10 million increase proposed for career and technical education be allocated through funding formulas that benefit all students in CTE programs, as well as the local employers that hire those students. This aligns with the budget request supported by the administrative staff of career and technical schools and CTE educators across the commonwealth.

**The best use of an additional \$10 million for CTE would be \$4 million allocated through the formula-driven career and technical education equipment grant line and \$6 million appropriated through the career and technical education subsidy.** The coalition strongly believes this best serves the needs of Pennsylvania students and employers.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Respectfully,  
PA Schools Work Leadership

A+ Schools Pittsburgh  
AAUW Pennsylvania  
AFT Pennsylvania  
Allies for Children  
Council for a Strong America  
Education Law Center  
Education Voters of Pennsylvania  
Keystone Research Center  
Keystone State Education Coalition  
Make the Road PA  
OnePA  
PACTA – Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technical Administrators  
Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units

Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools  
Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators  
Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials  
Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center  
Pennsylvania Immigrant and Citizenship Coalition (PICC)  
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children  
Pennsylvania Principals Association  
Pennsylvania School Boards Association  
Pennsylvania State Education Association  
Philadelphia Federation of Teachers  
Public Citizens for Children + Youth  
The Public Interest Law Center  
Urban League of Philadelphia

CC: House Appropriations Cmte members, Education Cmte & Leadership