



FUND OUR FUTURE



Building the Public Schools and Colleges Our Students Deserve

The Fund Our Future legislation will:

Increase state funding for our preK-12 schools by more than \$1 billion a year by updating the foundation budget formula along the lines recommended by the bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission in 2015.



Increase state funding for our public colleges and universities by more than \$500 million a year, bringing state spending back up to the level it had reached in 2001, along the lines recommended by the bipartisan Higher Education Finance Commission in 2014.

The Crisis in PreK-12 Schools



The state's foundation budget formula, which is used to determine the cost of educating students in each district, was created 25 years ago. It is now badly out of date. Our children deserve a well-rounded education that includes small class sizes and music and art programs — and that provides needed staff such as classroom aides, nurses, counselors and librarians.

More funding is needed to educate students with learning disabilities, students from low-income families and English learners.

The Crisis in Public Higher Education



Throughout our public higher education system, student debt has skyrocketed. Too many full-time faculty have been replaced by poorly paid adjuncts, services are being privatized, and building maintenance and repair has been delayed.

Why? Per-pupil state support for public higher education is one-third lower than it was in 2001 in inflation-adjusted dollars.

Our Campaign



The *Fund Our Future* campaign is bringing together a broad coalition of educators, parents and policymakers through community forums, school committee resolutions, local events, social media and other means to share our vision for public education and demand full funding for our public schools and colleges. This winter and spring, we will turn up the heat on the Legislature to pass the *Fund Our Future* bill and any necessary progressive revenues by May 1 so that we finally do what our state Constitution demands — “cherish” our public schools and colleges.

The time to act is now. We demand the funds our public schools and colleges need to provide a great education. Our students can't wait any longer.

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