## ALL IN FOR OHIOKIDS



## **SPREAD THE MESSAGE**

Most districts have different channels to communicate with residents and parents. We can ask them to share basic information about the House Budget proposal and how it would impact their district compared to fully implementing the Fair School Funding Plan – as promised by the General Assembly in 2021. Many districts including Columbus City Schools have done this already, which has led to increased media coverage of the impact of the proposed budget.

You can use the <u>All in For Ohio District Explorer</u> and <u>the Policy Matters Ohio Research</u> which includes <u>District Level Factsheets</u> to make the communications specific to your district.

## Sample email outreach to Superintendent/School Board Members

Dear [],
Thank you for all the important work you have done for our children. I appreciate their education here and know you care deeply about their future.
For that reason, I am asking if you'd be willing to share some important information with parents and district residents. Four years ago, Ohio lawmakers promised to phase in the Fair School Funding Plan over six years – culminating with full implementation in the 2026-27 state budget. The plan would finally fix our unconstitutional school funding system and, as I am sure you know, provide districts with stable and predictable state revenue based on the actual cost of educating a child.
The recent budget proposed by House leadership throws this bipartisan plan out the window and would short-change Ohio's school districts by \$2.7 billion over the next two years. Under the Fair School Funding Plan, our district would receive [], but under the House proposal, we would get [].

Can you share this information with parents and residents by emailing the district list? It is very important that we understand the district's context, especially considering that reduced state funding may require the district to ask voters to pass more levies.

I appreciate your consideration. I have included the <u>All in For Ohio District Explorer</u>, which will allow you to see how much we'd receive under the fully implemented Fair School Funding Plan, and <u>fact sheets</u> from <u>Policy</u> <u>Matters Ohio</u> that show how the House Budget would impact our district.

Please contact me with any questions.