

Representative Gerald Stebelton
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Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to urge you to take legislative action that would assist the failing financial situation of most of the Ohio school districts.

As a member of the senate, you not only have an opportunity but also a responsibility to work to solve the severe and unequal school funding issues that plague and destroy some of the public school systems in this district and others like it around the state. No school district, as diverse as ours, can endure many more budget cuts from the state level and continue to provide the educational goals of our children, transportation assistance to and from school buildings, musical and artistic instruction for our youth, breakfast and lunch programs, healthy after-school athletic programs, the maintenance and upkeep of existing buildings and grounds, and a myriad of other educational, co-curricular programs and teams far too numerous to mention in one letter.

The time has come for you to act, and it is imperative that you do so with conscientiousness, devotion, and expediency on behalf of the public school students from around the state. In 1994, the Ohio State Supreme court found the state's school funding system to be in violation of the state constitution. Lawmakers have been directed **FOUR MORE TIMES** to solve this problem, yet you and your colleagues remain inactive and silent on this pressing issue. I encourage you to act now to save our failing state public school systems.

Sincerely,