

Fair Funding for the Monroe Township School District – Help Join the Fight for Fair Funding!

Please join us as we continue our push for fair funding for our school district.

Monroe Township School District is the poster child for underfunded school districts, as we only receive \$435/pupil, which is among the lowest amounts in the state. Our State Aid has remained flat even though our student enrollment continues to swell, which is taxing our facilities and resources. The State's failure to equitably fund our school district has placed an undue burden on the local taxpayers of Monroe Township. Please join us in our fight for our fair share of state funding. You can help us by:

1. **Signing our petition.** Members of the Ad Hoc Committee will be at various locations in the community asking residents to sign our petition;
2. **Joining us on April 24th or May 2nd** when we visit Trenton to attend State hearings on school funding. Visit our website www.monroe.k12.nj.us to sign up for either date.

The Monroe Township Board of Education approved the following resolution at a special meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2017:

In its continuing fight for fundamental fairness in State Aid School Funding, I hereby move that the Monroe Township Board of Education support and endorse the legislative initiatives of Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo and Assemblyman Daniel Benson, as set forth in their letter to the Governor, Speaker and Senate President dated March 22, 2017 ("Letter"), to:

1. Eliminate growth limitations and hold harmless provisions in the school funding formula in the current budget cycle to provide additional state aid to the Monroe Township School District;
2. Reform the school funding formula in the current budget cycle to provide additional state aid to the Monroe Township School District; and
3. Design and legislate a new funding formula, which will create more equitable state aid school funding for the Monroe Township School District.

I further move that the Board of Education authorize and direct the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to take all necessary steps to implement this action by the Board of Education, including the development and dissemination of a petition in support of the Letter and this resolution to the taxpayers of Monroe Township.

Dated: March 29, 2017

The Monroe Township Mayor and Council are planning on introducing the same resolution at their meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017. This joint effort underscores the on-going cooperation between the school district, our Municipal Officials and the community to secure our fair share of state funding for the school district.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Michael Kozak
Superintendent
Monroe Township School District