

Meeting the educational needs of EVERY CHILD



The Leandro Plan


Gaston County Schools




North Carolina's legislative roadmap for delivering the constitutional standard of education

Since 1994, the *Leandro v. State of North Carolina* court case has consistently shown that children are being deprived the sound basic education guaranteed by the state constitution.

PROBLEM:

 State funding hasn't kept pace with student needs, forcing districts to **cut back** on staff, services, supplies, technology, and facility upgrades.

SOLUTION:

 The Leandro Plan shows the state how to provide the required education standard by ensuring **adequate funding** and **targeted support** for the unique set of student needs in each district.

HOW LEANDRO WILL SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Under the Leandro Plan, the state would supply the following funding amounts by 2028:

Gaston County Schools K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

\$72.1 MILLION  **37%** budget increase

that funding could provide:


178 MORE
teacher
assistants


13
Community School
Coordinators


221 MORE
nurses, psychologists,
counselors &
social workers
(Instructional Support Personnel
at industry-recommended levels)


140%
increase in funding
for **textbooks,**
supplies & instructional
materials


\$1,272
per teacher for
professional
development

Gaston County EARLY EDUCATION - programs for children birth to age 5

\$18.7 MILLION

that funding could provide:

184 MORE
slots for **NC Pre-K** 

362%
increase in funding
for **Smart Start**


1,248 MORE
children in the
Infant-Toddler Program



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maps out how **YOUR DISTRICT** can give children the education they're owed. **YOUR VOICE** is needed to convince lawmakers to enact the plan.

Learn how to
advocate for
children in
your district:



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