Meeting the educational needs of EVERY CHILD

The Leandro Plan

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
    - 140% increase in funding for textbooks, supplies & instructional materials
    - $1,272 per teacher for professional development

**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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