

How the Leandro Plan helps CHILDREN in FAMILIES with LOW INCOME

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The Leandro Plan

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

◆ WHY IS THE PLAN NEEDED?

The decades-long court case *Leandro v. State of North Carolina* revealed state lawmaker's failure to provide every child the sound basic education guaranteed by the state constitution.

◆ WHAT DOES THE PLAN DO?

- Calls for comprehensive, system-wide changes that address the critical needs of our education system.
- Puts an end to the budget shortfalls and resource inequities that prevent adequate staffing, services, supplies, technology, and facilities.

While the Leandro Plan will benefit ALL students, the plan also addresses the specific needs of children in families with low income:

INVESTMENT



Raises state per pupil spending.

Increases supplemental funding for children with needs, including low-income students.

Creates new allotments for lower-wealth districts with limited local tax revenue.

SUPPORT



Adds instructional support staff (nurses, counselors, psychologists, and social workers) who help fill the gap for physical and mental health services.



Expands the number of "community schools", which streamline child services through integration of local providers and government agencies.



Increases access to early education programs serving infants, toddlers, and prekindergarteners.



Puts diverse, well-qualified teachers and principals in schools serving lower-wealth children.

Overhauls accountability measures that are unfairly biased against teachers and schools in lower-wealth communities.



Provides free school lunch for all eligible children.



The Leandro Plan is a key investment toward providing all North Carolina children the nurturing and supportive learning environment they need for success.

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