



# The Leandro Plan

North Carolina's legislative roadmap for meeting the educational needs of EVERY CHILD.

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- ◆ Is a non-partisan set of policies for modernizing our education system and improving access to early education (birth-to-age 5) and K-12 programs and services.
- ◆ Provides research-based solutions that address the unique needs of each community.

## Why North Carolina needs LEANDRO.



While some communities are thriving, others are being left behind because local schools lack the resources to provide what **students need** and what **families want**.

**That's bad for CHILDREN.**



**That's bad for COMMUNITIES**



The Leandro Plan helps sustain communities by ensuring schools in every district can deliver the state's standard of education.



**People of faith are called to safeguard the well-being of our students and neighbors.**

**Public schools are a valuable shared asset worthy of everyone's support.**

- Public schools serve as an important hub for learning, activities, employment, and social connectivity.
- Our public school neighbors, many of whom are members of our own congregations, deserve our consideration and care as we strive to serve the wider community.

**Many religious doctrines have principles pertaining to children and community.**

- Helping young people besides those in your family.
- Acting for the sake of justice and protecting the rights of the most vulnerable.
- Working collectively for mutual benefit and ensuring fair distribution of shared resources.
- Placing a high value on learning and knowledge.

**Hebrew Scripture:**

*Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.*  
 (Psalm 82:3-4)

**Muslim Quran:**

*... and do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, those in need, neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the companion by your side ...*  
 (Qur'an, 4:36)

**Christian New Testament:**

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*  
 (Matthew 19:14)

**Hindu Shoklas:**

*"The wealth of knowledge is the most superior wealth of all."*

## The Leandro Plan helps support the most precious resource we have — our children.



The Leandro Plan sets the conditions for public schools to deliver a bright future for our students and our state.

Improves the quality of core programs and boosts academic support:

- Revamps the finance system so every school can provide essential services and well-rounded programming.
- Ensures all schools are staffed with diverse, highly-qualified teachers and principals.
- Expands access to early education programs and prekindergarten so children enter school ready to learn.

Provides more of the opportunities that enhance communities:

- Connects children to additional community-based supports (health, social work, etc.) to help overcome out-of-school barriers to success.
- Expands advanced coursework, electives, clubs, extracurricular activities, and after-school care.
- Provides more career training in relevant, high-demand fields that align with local workforce needs.

### CASE SPOTLIGHT:



### *Leandro v. State of North Carolina*

This decades-long case revealed state lawmakers' failure, under both Democratic and Republican leadership, to provide a public education system that:

- Meets students' needs.
- Serves as the economic and social foundation for thriving communities.

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shows the legislature how to remedy the case by equipping schools with what's needed to provide the constitutionally-mandated standard of education.



### Lawmakers must do right by our children.

A failure in public education delivery represents a breach of legal and moral obligation; the legislature must act before **ANOTHER** generation of students misses out on the education they're owed.



We must hold state lawmakers accountable for supplying the resources necessary to serve the educational, physical, and emotional needs of every child.



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