



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**.

- Many graduates are underqualified for the job market, which diminishes the strength of the state's workforce and its economic potential.
- Teachers are overburdened and underappreciated, which reduces morale, causes shortages, and discourages people from entering the profession.

**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.



A well-supported public education system is essential for our children's future - and the future of our communities.

Children need a nurturing environment that facilitates academic and social development.

Children need the chance to explore a wide variety of subject matter and gain relevant experience.

Students benefit from:

- Specialized learning tools and services tailored to their needs.
- Full access to school nurses, counselors, psychologists, and social workers to support all aspects of child well-being.

Students benefit from:

- A diverse range of elective courses, extracurricular activities, arts, athletics, and clubs.
- Career preparation with training in high-demand fields that align with local workforce needs.

The state's education system helps children develop the skills they'll need to become thoughtful, engaged, and contributing members of a multi-racial democracy.

The Leandro Plan helps children and educators by addressing the the school system's critical needs.



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

How Leandro helps CHILDREN:

- Substantially increases funding for all students, targeting more resources to districts serving children with the greatest need.
- Connects children to additional community-based supports (health, social work, etc.) to help overcome out-of-school barriers to success.
- Expands access to early education programs and prekindergarten so children enter school ready to learn.

How Leandro helps TEACHERS:

- Expands professional development opportunities and builds a diverse, motivated, and well-qualified workforce.
- Changes accountability measures that are unfairly biased against teachers and schools in lower-wealth communities.
- Promotes the use of proven, evidence-based strategies for instruction and boosting student proficiency.

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.



The Leandro Plan is readily affordable.

North Carolina has the **LOWEST FUNDING EFFORT** of any state in the country, dedicating just 2.3% of its GDP to public education.

This ranking means our state has the economic capacity to fund the Leandro Plan.



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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