

How the Leandro Plan helps CHILDREN with DISABILITIES

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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 with disabilities:

CHANGES TO STATE FUNDING SUPPLEMENTS for children with disabilities

INVESTMENT



Raises per pupil supplement.



NO MORE caps on supplements

Allows districts to get state support for every disabled child.



Makes supplements proportional to extent of disability.

SUPPORT



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



Enhances training for both special education and general education teachers to best serve students with disabilities in all classroom settings.



Increases access to infant and toddler programs that aid in early identification and intervention.



Provides all 4-year olds with disabilities access to high-quality, full-day prekindergarten.



Targets extra resources to districts serving more disabled students.



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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