

# Meeting the educational needs of EVERY CHILD



## The Leandro Plan

McDowell  
County Schools



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:*

### McDowell County Schools K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

**\$18.6** MILLION  **45%** budget increase

that funding could provide:



**41** MORE  
teacher  
assistants



**6**  
Community School  
Coordinators



**51** MORE  
nurses, psychologists,  
counselors &  
social workers

(Instructional Support Personnel  
at industry-recommended levels)



**140%**  
increase in funding  
for **textbooks,**  
**supplies & instructional**  
**materials**



**\$1,170**  
per teacher for  
professional  
development

### McDowell County EARLY EDUCATION - programs for children birth to age 5

**\$4.3** MILLION

that funding could provide:



**362%**  
increase in funding  
for **Smart Start**



**227** 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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