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In 1991, Pennsylvania fundamentally changed how it funded K-12 school districts. Factors like poverty, property values, income and student population changes ended and the policy, “**hold-harmless**” was introduced.

Hold-Harmless has severely impacted students, educators and taxpayers!

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Even if a district shrunk by 300 students, Hold-Harmless gave that district what they received the previous year, plus a 2-3% increase.

Conversely, districts that added 300 new students didn't get additional funding for the 300 new students because of the Hold-Harmless policy.

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After 12 months of testimony, The Basic Education Funding Commission released its June 2015 Report.

The Report identified **180** districts underfunded by **\$937 Million, annually.**

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Most K-12 advocates support the new  
Basic Education Funding formula.

We support the new Basic Education  
Funding formula...

**With one caveat:**

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If the new Basic Education Funding formula is used but, no additional special allocation is made to the 180 underfunded districts...

**The 180 underfunded districts will remain underfunded for another 25 years, or more!**

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## **Annual underfunding:**

**\$95 Million – Reading SD**

**\$66 Million – Allentown SD**

**\$46 Million – Lancaster SD**

**\$46 Million – York SD**

**\$41 Million – Erie SD**

**\$28 Million – Wilkes-Barre SD**

**\$28 Million – Pocono Mountain SD**

**\$24 Million – Harrisburg SD**

**\$20 Million – Bethlehem SD**

**\$19 Million – Scranton SD**

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**\$15 Million – East Stroudsburg SD**

**\$14 Million – Lebanon SD**

**\$12 Million – Upper Darby SD**

**\$11 Million – Pottstown SD**

**\$11 Million – State College SD**

**\$10 Million – Conestoga Valley SD**

**\$8.5 Million – Hazleton SD**

**\$8.4 Million – Norristown SD**

**\$7.2 Million – Central York SD**

**\$6.6 Million – Stroudsburg SD**

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We launched Equity First to  
make sure the 180  
underfunded school  
districts **GET PAID.**

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Of course, the 320 over-funded school districts, their leaders, legislators and taxpayers don't want to give-back \$937 Million or give-up annual funding increases!

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The 320 overfunded districts want \$400 Million to be distributed to all 500 school districts through the new BEF formula. They call this, The Campaign for Fair Funding

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If \$400 Million gets distributed to all 500 districts thru the new BEF formula:

180 districts will remain underfunded for another 25 years or more!

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If \$400 Million is distributed, we want:

- \$300 Million to the 180 underfunded districts, based on their proportional underfunding
- \$100 Million through the BEF formula to all 500 school districts.

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So 180 districts don't remain underfunded for another 25 years, every state budget, until complete BEF equity is achieved, should have a 75% special Equity First allocation.

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Most importantly:  
Equity First will not occur  
without thousands of  
citizens demanding:

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