



TALKING POINTS

For Parents

- With a court ruling to fix school funding and Republicans and Democrats supporting it – I am confused about Level Up being cut from the budget.
- Our school district is one of the 100 poorest in the state and Level Up was helping us see real results for the first time.
- **Our families are counting on legislative leaders to rescue Level Up.**
- **NO NEW** Level Up funding included in the Governor's budget proposal, means all that progress will stop – and once again we will be watching as rich schools give their students what they need to succeed, and our students get left behind.
- We know that Level Up **IS NOT** in itself the remedy to the school funding problem – and that Governor Shapiro and legislative leaders must develop and implement a comprehensive, lasting solution over the next few years. But, in the meantime, Level Up is the best mechanism we have to deal with the worst inequities in school funding.
- The Level Up concept is simple and sensible: Target a portion of new state education funding to the districts with the greatest need – and guarantee that it will be recurring. The reason for not including a new supplement is not easy to understand.
- I'm writing/calling to ask you to please **distribute another \$300 million through Level Up this year, on top of, not instead of new Basic Education Funds** distributed through the fair funding formula.