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.