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## LEVEL UP COALITION ISSUES STATEMENT ON PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUDGET

**Harrisburg, PA (June 7, 2023)** — The Level Up Coalition issued the following statement in response to the budget passed recently by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives:

“The Pennsylvania House of Representatives shows it's tuned into the needs of the Commonwealth's poorest school districts by including an additional \$225 million for Level Up in the PA Budget. This increased investment recognizes Pennsylvania's inadequate and inequitable education funding system and takes a step in the right direction towards the state holding up its constitutional obligation to ensure all students get a quality education, no matter where they live; a move in accordance with the verdict of the recent education funding lawsuit.

“The first two rounds of Level Up funding have been used by school districts to improve learning conditions, hire much-needed staff, and update resources, and we've begun to see the positive results of this increased support for Pennsylvania's children. This effort to target funding to the districts with the greatest need has won bipartisan backing. But there is much more work to be done to shrink the gap between Pennsylvania's poorest and wealthiest school districts.

“We urge the State Senate to preserve this additional funding in the budget, so that these districts can continue to shrink the gap and Level Up.”

The Level Up coalition is committed to addressing the large gap between the resources schools have and what they need. The growing disparity among Pennsylvania's wealthy and poor

districts creates enormous inequity, leaving an entire generation of children in underfunded districts ill prepared for college, career, and the real-world challenges of adulthood.

For more information, please visit <https://leveluppa.org/>.

*The Level Up coalition believes that every child in Pennsylvania deserves robust course choices, class sizes that allow for personalized support, enough school counselors and nurses, and a safe learning environment so they can thrive and succeed in school today and live productive, fulfilling lives after graduation.*

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