

Dear PARSS Superintendents:

The Basic Education funding commission hearings will soon be underway throughout the state, and PARSS is asking you to attend. The Court has ruled in our favor regarding unfair and inadequate school funding. It is not vital that we take the next steps forward toward a remedy.

First, we have requested an additional hearing in northwest Pennsylvania since the closest scheduled hearing is in Pittsburgh. When we hear more about that appeal, you will be informed.

Secondly, we need strong support, attendance, and participation from PARSS superintendents/school districts. You (or another representative from your school district) could volunteer to testify and share stories from your district about the financial struggles you face each year. We are willing to provide some fact sheets and “talking points” to assist you.

If you do not wish to testify, your being in attendance at a hearing would be highly beneficial. I urge you and members of your Board of Directors to be in attendance to represent PARSS school districts that are waiting for financial relief through resolution of the court order. We know from past campaigns that large numbers of participation make a difference. That strategy certainly worked to our benefit during our recent efforts to eliminate the school voucher proposal.

Now is the time to collectively make use of our talents and our voices for this important cause. On behalf of Joe, Jon and Ashley, I thank you in advance for helping PARSS make a strong case and a lasting impression during the hearings.

Listed below is a tentative list of scheduled hearings.

The current COMMISSION hearing schedule is:

September 12 in Allentown

September 13 in Harrisburg

September 14 in Philadelphia

September 21 in Lancaster

September 28 in Hanover

October 5 in Hazleton

October 11 in Pittsburgh

October 12 in Lemont Furnace
November 2 in Enola
November 9 in Bedford

Note: Exact location and times are not set We will announce these to you once they are finalized.

Please contact one of us directly if you would be willing to testify at a hearing in your region. We would submit your name for consideration by the commission. Below is our contact information.

Sincerely yours,

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