

## Trial in our historic school funding lawsuit will now start on Friday, November 12 in Harrisburg. Mark your calendars!

<u>Today Commonwealth Court Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer announced a 30-day extension of the</u> <u>previously scheduled trial date</u> because of an unforeseen medical emergency for an attorney representing a legislative respondent in the case. We send our best wishes for good health and a full recovery.

We recognize that the start of trial in this historic case has been a moving target. But know that public school students' day in court is coming, and we will work to ensure that it comes as soon as possible.

For seven years, since our case was filed in 2014, our clients--school districts and parents from under-funded communities across the state--have persisted, as hundreds of thousands of students have been continuously denied the resources they need for a quality education. We will soon take on the General Assembly's failure to live up to their constitutional duty to support strong public schools in every community, regardless of local wealth.

In Pennsylvania, our state legislature has maintained a school funding system in which the students who need the most get the least, because of where they live. Our inadequate school funding system holds back the future of the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and fuels some of the deepest inequality between school districts in the nation. At trial, we will prove that it violates our state constitution's guarantee of a quality public education and equal treatment under the law, by sharing stories and data from urban, suburban and rural communities in every corner of the state.

We will demand a new system, and we will not stop until the legislature funds all schools in Pennsylvania, no matter where they are located or who attends them, so that they have the resources needed to prepare their students to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Trial will be held in Courtroom 3002 of the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg, and we expect it to continue through December. The judge has said that a livestream will be available to the public--we will share the link as soon as we know more. <u>Sign up at Fund Our Schools PA for the latest updates</u>.