

School Finance Research Collaborative

Core Messages

The School Finance Research Collaborative has completed Michigan's first comprehensive school adequacy study, providing a roadmap to fixing Michigan's broken school funding approach and making it fair for all students.

- Many of Michigan's public schools are struggling to meet student performance standards, and our students will continue to fall behind if our school funding approach doesn't address their wide-ranging needs.
- The School Finance Research Collaborative study has determined the true cost of educating all students to make the way we fund schools more fair.
- The School Finance Research Collaborative is a diverse group of business leaders and education experts, from Metro Detroit to the U.P., who agree it's time to change the way Michigan's schools are funded.

This new school funding approach will ensure every Michigan student has the same opportunity at getting a good education, including special education students and students living in poverty.

- Right now, Michigan's school funding approach fails to meet the needs of far too many students, especially those who live in our poorest communities, and this must change if we are going to give all of our students the opportunities for college and careers they deserve.
- A new, fairer school funding approach is needed that addresses every student's unique and individual learning needs because there is no one-size-fits-all approach to educating kids.
- Accountability and transparency measures will be needed to ensure taxpayer money is spent wisely and goes to the classroom and educating students.

By funding Michigan's schools fairly, we can provide a high-quality education to all students that provides them with competitive skills for good-paying jobs.

- Everyone needs to be prepared for the real world and have an opportunity at successful careers, not just those who go to a four-year college.
- Funding our schools fairly means focusing on the individual needs of all students and providing support services necessary to prepare them for college and jobs.
- Without a new, fairer school funding approach, Michigan's students will only continue to fall behind their peers in other states in an increasingly competitive economy where a skilled workforce is more and more important every day.