

Call-to-Action Fact Sheet

The Crisis Ahead

The economic recession resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic is significantly impacting the School District of Philadelphia (SDP). We appreciate the recent action by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adopt a budget that maintains current funding levels for public education, but that's not enough. The School District is still facing a financial crisis due to local revenue losses and new costs associated with COVID-19. More funding is needed to protect the investments we've made over the last five years to increase resources and support services for our students.

Fortunately, the HEROES Act would help address many of our financial challenges caused by COVID-19. If the United States Senate passes the HEROES Act, it would provide \$60 billion in additional emergency funding for our nation's schools, including more than \$450 million for our School District to make sure students and staff are healthy, safe and able to learn when school begins again in the fall.

What We Need from State Legislators Now

To help the School District maintain school operations and purchase much-needed supplies to support the safety and well-being of our entire District community, we need the United States Senate to pass the HEROES Act.

Keep Students and Staff Healthy, Safe and Ready to learn.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the School District's budget. The United States Senate is considering legislation that would provide much needed relief and ensure that funding is available to support social distancing and health guidelines while providing a rigorous educational experience for students.

Ask: Pass the HEROES Act.

Provide our nation's schools with \$60 billion to keep students and staff healthy, safe, and ready to learn.



How You Can Take Action!

Starting June 25, every Thursday is Public Education Advocacy Day in Philadelphia. Let's make our voices heard in Washington D.C. every Thursday until the HEROES Act is passed.

Call and email Senator Toomey and Senator Casey to let them know that you are counting on them to ***Fund Our Schools!***

Join our social media campaign using #fundourschools to ask our U.S. Senators in Washington D.C. to ***Fund Our Schools!***

Visit philasd.org/fundourschools for contact information for all state elected officials, sample scripts and letters, and more details on how to advocate in Harrisburg to ***Fund Our Schools!***