

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-003**  
**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADEQUATELY INVEST IN  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS**

Whereas, we as parents, students, educators and community members believe that a high-quality public education is critical to the success of our students and economy and that our elected officials share that belief;

Whereas Pennsylvania has the widest funding gap between wealthy and poor school districts of any state in the country, with the wealthiest school districts spending 33% more on each student than the poorest districts;

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks 46th among the 50 states in the amount of state subsidies allocated to support elementary and secondary education, among the lowest in the nation, with state's share of funding public education at 38%; and Pennsylvania has the widest funding gap between wealthy and poor school districts of any state in the country;

WHEREAS, inadequate state funding places additional burden on local taxpayers to pick up a greater share of public schools' costs to ensure that our students' education is not jeopardized;

Whereas underfunding schools is a direct impediment to educational outcomes

Now therefore it be resolved that our municipality, comprised of over 11,500 residents urge that for the 2019-2020 education budget for the state of Pennsylvania feature no less than:

- An increase of \$510 million for public education which includes,
- \$400 million increase of Basic Education Funding
- \$100 million for Special Education funding
- \$10 million increase in Career and Technical Education

We further support that this money should be distributed using the Fair Funding Formula and should not be in detriment or reduction to the funding levels of other school districts being the state must be dedicated to identifying responsible revenues to properly fund its education goals.

We resolve that all students should receive the resources they need in the classroom and provide property tax relief to homeowners, the state must fully and fairly fund its schools. Inadequate and inequitable state funding for public schools directly contributes to rising property taxes in Yeadon Borough.

ENACTED and ORDAINED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

  
LATOYA MONROE, Council President

**APPROVED.**

  
ROHAN K. HEPKINS, Mayor of Yeadon Borough

Attest:

  
Secretary