

# It's Time for Fair Funding for Rhode Island's Schools

The quality of a child's education should not depend on their zip code. Our school funding formula is 15 years old — and it's time to fix it.

Rhode Island's school funding formula hasn't been fundamentally updated in 15 years. How much is invested in a child's education depends too heavily on where they live, not what they need to succeed.

## A Plan Rhode Islanders Agree On

The Blue Ribbon Commission, 18 Rhode Island leaders including educators, parents, municipal officials, and community advocates — spent a year studying the problem and reached full consensus on four reforms:



### Fund the Full Cost of Education

The state should share responsibility for the true costs of education, including transportation, building upkeep, and early childhood services, not leave them entirely to municipalities.



### Require Fair Local Contributions

Every community should invest in schools based on its actual financial capacity, not based on an outdated formula.



### Fund Students Based on Their Actual Needs

Students who need more support should receive more resources, regardless of what district they live in.



### Require Transparency and Accountability

Every education dollar should be tied to student outcomes, with public reporting and independent oversight.

## Your Voice Can Make the Difference

Contact your State Representative and State Senator. Ask them to support **House Bill 8351** and **Senate Bill 3015** enacting the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations.

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