

PA Basic Education Funding Commission 101



What is the PA School Funding Commission?

The Commission is a bipartisan group of 15 state officials who are tasked with developing and recommending a new formula for distributing state money for education to Pennsylvania school districts.

When was the Commission formed?

Governor Corbett signed the Commission into law in June, 2014. The Commission held its first meeting in July.

How often will the Commission meet?

The schedule isn't final yet, but we believe the Commission will meet once per month in different locations across the state.

Why do we need a state funding commission?

PA is one of three states without a formula to fund schools. The current way money is spent is unpredictable, [politically motivated](#), and ignores the needs of students all across the state. As a result, the 500 school districts in PA have to wait and guess how much money they'll receive each year which makes it virtually impossible to plan from year to year.

What will come out of the Commission?

The Commission must make recommendations by June, 2015.

Will the Commission's findings be made into law?

No, lawmakers don't have to implement the changes recommended by the Commission, that's going to depend on public pressure.

How can I help?

Everyone has a role in the fight for fair funding in Pennsylvania. There are four Commission members from our region who need to hear from you. Your action could be as simple as signing a petition or calling your legislator or as involved as hosting a house party with your friends and family to spread the word. Contact us: info@pccy.org or (215)563-5848