



LEOMINSTER KIDS COUNT

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Dear Families of Leominster Public School Students,

There has never been a time when your help is needed more than now, when funding at the state level means we are not getting much needed dollars for Leominster students.

We are beginning the FY18 budget season with a deficit of **\$5 million** in a school district that is already stretched. We need additional funding from the state. The formula used to determine the funding we receive has not been updated in 20+ years. Please join us in compelling our state leaders to take up this issue and do what is best for our children. If funding continues in the current manner we are looking at shortfalls that will cause our district to make cuts such as:

- Reductions in administration, teachers and support staff
- Already large class sizes growing to as many as 30 students
- Decreasing access to technology while other districts expand to one-to-one devices
- Inability to provide necessary curriculum and instructional materials
- Field trips and daytime enrichment opportunities cut
- Summer offerings impacted

Please stand with us to encourage our elected officials to examine and update the Foundation Funding formula. You can show your support by displaying our bumper sticker and lawn signs, which will soon be available. Watch for T-shirt sales as well. All items will be made by CTEI students.

You can get involved by writing to state officials. Included in this packet are letters we are asking you to sign and add your own comments at the bottom, and return them to your child's school. We will gather them and deliver them in person to the State House.

We must send a strong message that anything other than equitable funding is unacceptable to Leominster families. As a community we can stand up to say that **Leominster Kids Count**.

Sincerely,