



#FUNDTHEFORMULA CAMPAIGN

Final Push: Urge the House and Senate
K-12 Appropriations Committees to Invest
an Additional \$550M for EBF in FY25

MAY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

Let's raise our voices on behalf of Illinois' students.
They're counting on us.

**Call for at least \$550M for the Evidence-Based
Funding (EBF) Formula in FY25.**





Urge the House And Senate K-12 Appropriations Committees to Invest an Additional \$550M for EBF in FY25

Advocates,

We're in the final stretch! It's crucial that our legislators prioritize Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) now. With the legislative session ending on May 24, we have only a few weeks left to ensure that the General Assembly prioritizes an increased investment of at least \$550M for EBF in FY25.

While the EBF formula has made progress in increasing funding and driving resources to school districts with the most need, there's still a long way to go to ensure all Illinois students receive a high-quality education. Our students can't afford to wait. Now more than ever, an investment of \$550M or more in EBF is imperative. With federal funds running out in the fall, state funding will be vital to supporting more than 1.3 million students who are still in underfunded school districts.

From May 7-21, we will be sharing social media messages, and draft letters, to address legislators directly. Each day we will be targeting different members of the House Elementary & Secondary Education Appropriations and Senate Education Committees.

We encourage you to customize the messages and share why school funding is important to you and your community.

ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

How to use this toolkit



SCHEDULE MEETINGS

Schedule a meeting with your legislators to share why they should prioritize EBF.



SEND A LETTER

Elevate the need to make additional EBF investments.



JOIN US IN SOCIAL MEDIA ADVOCACY

Share your EBF stories of impact and tweet at legislators. Reference the bank of tweets on the following pages for suggestions.



SPREAD THE MESSAGE WIDELY

Share this toolkit and messages with members of your community!

Supplemental Materials to Use in Your Advocacy

EBF ONE PAGER Use this sheet in your engagement with legislators to help communicate the need for additional EBF funding.

LEGISLATOR FUNDING ADEQUACY SHEETS Find data showing the remaining gaps to full, adequate funding for your state representatives and state senators to use as a tool for targeted outreach.

EQUITY DASHBOARD Use this interactive tool to explore information about funding equity over time, both across the state and in individual school districts.

Ongoing Actions

SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

Schedule a meeting with your legislators to share why they should prioritize an investment of \$550M for EBF in the FY25 budget.

Here is the fact sheet that you can reference during your conversations.

SEND A LETTER TO YOUR LEGISLATORS

Take 3-4 minutes to send a letter to the Governor to urge him to prioritize our students in the FY25 state budget. All you need to do is enter your information and hit send! We encourage you to tailor your message to include why education funding equity is essential to the success of our students and your school community.

Click to send a letter to your senator and representative.

Social Media Guidelines

Please tweet using #FundtheFormula to help keep the momentum going.

Our efforts will be focused on targeting different members of the House Elementary & Secondary Education Appropriations and Senate Education Committees.

Join us for a series of daily social media actions to show your support and share your stories with legislators on the need to prioritize investing in EBF.

Find ALL legislator contact information and X handles [here](#).

Tuesday, May 7

An annual increase of \$350M was meant as a floor not a ceiling. It's critical to close the gap to adequate funding for K-12 schools, supporting districts and student learning impacted by the pandemic @SenatorMeg49 & @MartyForIL. #FundtheFormula

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Thursday, May 9

Every IL student deserves access to high-quality educational opportunities that set them up for success in school and beyond. Illinois can afford to make a meaningful investment above the minimal funding level @llcoolk_4 & @blainewilhour. #FundtheFormula

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Tuesday, May 14

Currently, over 1.3M students are in underfunded school districts. Students who are Black, Latinx, English Learners or from low-income households are most likely to be in these districts. @RepTerriBryant & @RepAaronOrtiz please prioritize \$550M for #EBF.

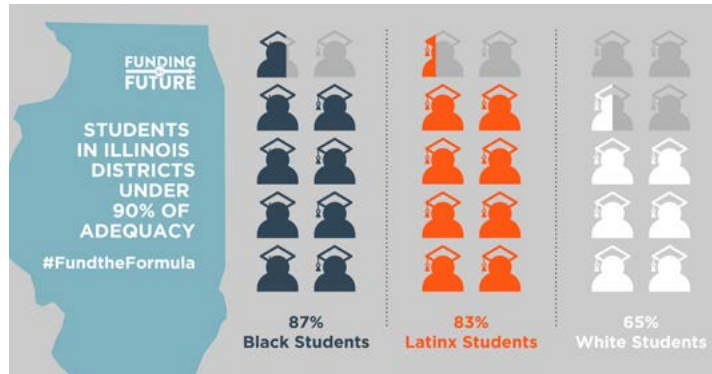
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Thursday, May 16

Inflation has increased the costs of funding schools, causing districts to choose between which resources & services they can provide for students. @staterep46 & @SenatorFaraci please invest more than the min. level of funding for EBF. #FundtheFormula

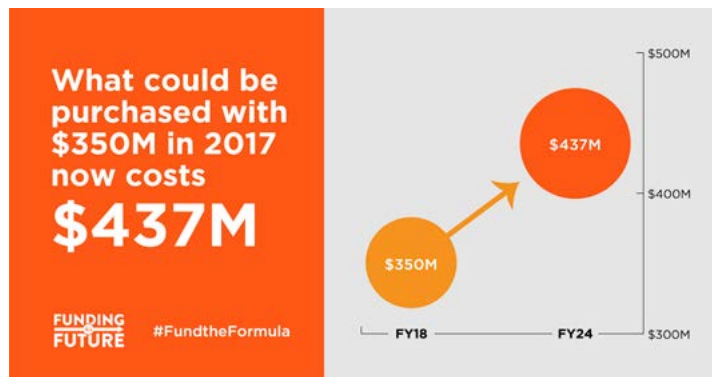
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Tuesday, May 21

.@SenChapinRose & @RepGuzzardi39 as short-term federal pandemic funds expire in FY25, a state investment of \$550M in EBF will help districts sustain important investments for their students on the road to recovery. #FundtheFormula

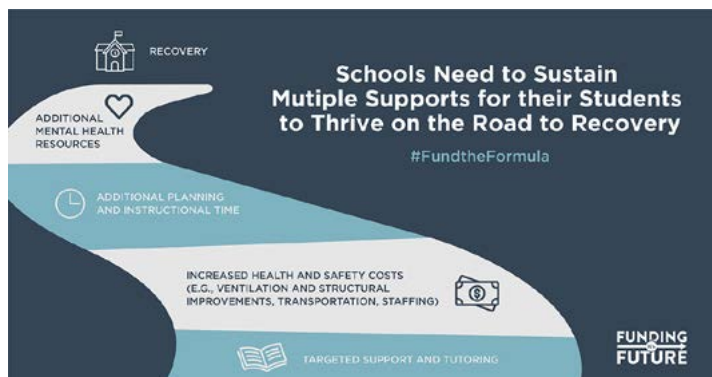
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