

TIME SENSITIVE
Request for Stories to Support Public School Funding

WHY?	<p>The Pennsylvania Legislature has already begun considering the 2019-2020 State Budget. PA Schools Work, is a coalition of public school entities and organizations, like AAUW Pennsylvania, fighting for equitable, adequate funding necessary to support educational excellence. PA Schools Work believes investing in public education excellence is the path to thriving communities, a stable economy and successful students.</p> <p>They have asked for our help because we have the advantage of being able to reach members in many different public school districts throughout Pennsylvania.</p>
WHAT?	<p>Legislators consistently tell us that it is real stories that make a difference when they are considering their funding choices. After all, doesn't it make sense that when a human situation can be explained with real life examples, legislators can see that situation translated into votes?</p> <p>AAUW Pennsylvania members are asked to find those stories!! And because the drastic cuts in funding over the last few years have had such negative impacts on our children's schools, such stories are easy to find.</p>
HOW?	<p>Two Options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold a question and answer session (15 minutes) at your next branch meeting. Ask the questions on page 2 and record responses. Transcribe responses into an email to Fran Pierce by email at franpierce@verizon.net. In the "Subject" line please indicate AAUW-PA Education Survey. NOTE: By engaging all meeting attendees at one time and asking questions out loud, the group energy is activated and people are more likely to respond than if you hand out forms or ask them to respond at a later date! 2. Print enough copies of page 2 to distribute to members at your next branch meeting. Ask them to complete before leaving. Collect sheets and either <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transcribe responses into an email to Fran Pierce by email at franpierce@verizon.net. In the "Subject" line please indicate AAUW-PA Education Survey. OR b. Mail to Fran Pierce at 717 Hunt Club Lane, Chester Springs, PA 19425.
WHEN?	<p>Before February 15 is preferred! If you don't have a branch meeting until after that time, please contact Fran Pierce at franpierce@verizon.net to discuss another date.</p>

Share Your Public Education Stories

What School District and/or individual school is your story from?

What curriculum-related topics or courses did this school or district offer previously that it is no longer offering due to budget cuts?

What extra-curricular activities or pupil services (e.g., nurses, librarians, art teachers, etc.) did this school or district offer previously that are no longer available?

Have class sizes or teacher loads increased due to budget cuts?

What other stories or information can you offer about the changes in your local schools due to inadequate funding?