

Hi there,

This has been quite the year for school funding here in New Hampshire.

School funding was a hot topic at the Statehouse this spring, and **a bipartisan coalition ultimately came together in recognition of the need to fix education funding** to increase State funding in the budget and take a modest step toward the larger, necessary reforms students and taxpayers need.

And of course, just a few weeks ago we got two positive rulings in the [ConVal and Rand school funding lawsuits](#) affirming the State's **constitutional responsibility** to provide every student with an adequate education and fund that education with fair taxes.

This was a great way to end a very exciting year for us. Back in the spring we published our [Legislative Story Book](#) and made an appearance on [WMUR's CloseUp with Adam Sexton](#). We published 70 unique papers on school funding and property taxes for [different communities around the state](#) and put out reports looking at [course offerings in public high schools](#), [AP course availability and test results](#), [UNH admission statistics for different districts](#), [state school building aid](#), and [how special education funding works](#).

**We hosted 32 events in 24 different cities and towns that engaged 886 people.** And that's where you came in. We had **1,574 people take action during the legislative session**, getting in contact with their State Reps or providing testimony on a bill, and all of that contact was a major piece in ensuring increases to education funding in the State budget.

All of the work we have accomplished this year has been made possible through the generous support of people like you who want to see the State deliver fair school funding for every student and tax payer in New Hampshire. To help us continue our mission in the new year, [please consider making a tax deductible contribution before the end of 2023.](#)

Support our Work

Starting in the new year, we'll be jumping right into the thick of it, with the House Education Committee planning on meeting and holding public hearings on bills as early as January 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Once we have more information, we'll share some ways that you can make your voice heard to the committee, whether by giving testimony in person or using our advocacy tool to send the committee email testimony. **But until then, we want to thank you once again for all of your support over the past year, and wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.**



## Upcoming Events

It's going to be a busy legislative session, so make sure you're up to speed with the most important school funding bills by joining us for a **Legislative Preview Webinar on Thursday, January 18 at 12pm**. We'll be joined by NEA New Hampshire and Granite State Progress to provide a rundown of what to know about education bills at the Statehouse. [Click here to register and get the Zoom information.](#)

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We're also looking forward to continuing to head to communities around New Hampshire in 2024!

We already have our first event of the year scheduled in **Manchester on January 17!** Join us at the Manchester City Library (405 Pine St.) at 6pm.

And stay tuned for updates on if we're coming to a town near you. We've got a lot in the works, and we hope we get to see you in the new year!

[Register for Manchester](#)



## Franklin School Board Calls for School Funding Reform

This month, the Franklin School Board passed a **resolution calling on their elected officials in Concord to act on the recent school funding court rulings** and bring the State in line with the New Hampshire Constitution and 30 years of court precedent. The Franklin School Board [passed a similar resolution](#) in February during the State Budget making process.

**If you are on a school board and would like to pass a similar resolution**, or want to go to your school board and ask them to call for fair school funding, you can find a copy of the Franklin resolution on our website as a starting point. We worked with the Vice Chair of the Franklin School Board, Delaney Carrier, to make this resolution easily used in districts around the state.

Please let us know if you decide to go forward with this resolution in your district! And send any questions and updates you might have to our communications manager, Noah, at [ntelerski@fairfundingnh.org](mailto:ntelerski@fairfundingnh.org)

[Read the Resolution](#)



## School Funding News Roundup

These are some stories we've had our eye on this month:

Concord Monitor: "[With a lack of state funding for education, local property tax payers bear the brunt of costs](#)"

Check out this coverage of our fantastic Concord event we hosted at the Red River Theatres this month!

Education Law Center: "[2023 Making the Grade: How Fair is School Funding in your State](#)"

The Education Law Center released its annual school funding report card, and New Hampshire's was a mixed bag. We got an A for Total Funding, but an F for Funding Distribution. That really speaks to the issues our state faces. We spend a lot on average, but averages hide the inequities in our system. ELC found that students in high poverty districts were funded 18% lower than students in low poverty districts.

InDepth NH: "[State Seeks Stay in ConVal Education Decision and Reconsideration](#)" and "[State Files Motion on Statewide Education Property Tax Order](#)"

If you need to get up to speed on what's been happening in the *ConVal* and *Rand* cases since the decisions were issued in November, then these two articles from Garry Rayno have got you covered.



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