

Significant steps today on a sustainable path toward SCHOOL FUNDING EQUITY FOR NEW JERSEY

1. Fund uncapped state aid fully.

Add \$100 million in direct aid to school districts and \$25 million into pre-K annually over the next five years. Remove enrollment caps and the census method of counting special education students.

2. Run the formula.

Treat school districts equitably by providing each with their fair share of state aid. Redistribute adjustment aid and other non-formula categories (e.g., PLC aid, security aid) annually over the next five years.

3. Require local fair share contributions.

Remove the 2% levy cap to restore local control to elected school boards. Establish minimum local contribution levels. Value PILOTs fully and distribute them to school districts in the same proportion as property taxes.

4. Address identified issues with SFRA.

Approve a task force to make recommendations regarding, but not limited to: proportion of funding by property tax vs. alternative sources; proportion of funding by local vs. state sources; special education funding; enrollment and poverty calculations; and geographic cost/revenue barriers.