Equitably fund our traditional public schools with an increase that at least meets inflation.

Recognize that schools had to be flexible during the pandemic, which means fully funding all traditional public schools whether they remained in-person, moved to virtual or a combination of both.

Address Indiana’s goal of increasing starting and average teacher pay to recruit and retain the best teachers for Hoosier kids.

Improve teachers’ working conditions by restoring bargaining rights on issues such as hours, days, prep time and class size, which all impact students’ learning conditions.

We believe, by investing in our public schools – where more than 90 percent of Hoosier kids attend – and restoring teacher voice, we can better support educators and students.

**FUNDING & PROGRAMS**

- Fund health and safety measures in schools during the pandemic and beyond.
- Eliminate the digital divide by expanding students’ access to broadband internet.
- Assist students who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic by providing remediation support and resources.
- Develop supports for trauma-sensitive education and mental health through increased staffing, training and studying the pandemic’s consequences on children.
- Build racial and social equity into the state’s complexity index in the school funding formula.

**TESTING**

- Eliminate or reduce Indiana’s commitment to standardized testing.

**RETIREEMENT**

- Provide a needed cost-of-living adjustment to retirees.
- Maintain a defined benefit plan to incentivize the retention of teachers.

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