

Funding and Pay Talking Points

General Funding Message

- Our teachers, our schools and our communities deserve more from our legislators.
- Underfunded schools are hurting Indiana's kids - but we can do something about it.
- Every kid deserves the chance to learn and succeed, regardless of where they live or how much money their parents make.
- Larger class sizes and smaller budgets hurt our students and teachers.
- The quality of education our students receive is dependent on what our teachers are fighting for right now – a fully funded public education system.
- Low education funding means less success in our schools, our communities and for Indiana's kids.
- The lack of education funding is a problem that affects our communities, our teachers and especially our kids.

Teacher Pay Message

- The Red For Ed movement is about fighting for fair pay for teachers so they can do what they do best – provide a quality education for our students.
- Low teacher pay is a very real problem, and it's causing experienced teachers to leave Indiana.
- Respect means paying educators throughout the state a living wage.
- Indiana teacher pay is last in our region. We must do better.
- Public education is what drives the economy of the state of Indiana – and educators deserve professional pay.
- To do so much only to get so little in return is unacceptable. It's time to give teachers professional pay.
- Respect for educators starts with a livable, professional wage.
- Teachers know that teaching isn't going to make them rich – but that doesn't mean that they shouldn't be able to live.
- Low teacher pay is a very real problem that makes it difficult for our teachers to focus on the most important part of the job - providing our students with a quality education.
- An investment in Indiana's teachers is an investment in Indiana's future.