



# FUND OUR FUTURE



## Petition to Governor Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Senate

**A**s students, educators, parents, and community members, we demand an end — this spring — to the decades-long underfunding of local public schools and public higher education in Massachusetts.

**W**e call on our legislators and Governor Charlie Baker to support the Fund Our Future legislative agenda: the *Promise Act* to update the state’s outdated school funding formula and meet the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, increasing state funding for preK-12 public schools by more than \$1 billion a year; and the *Cherish Act* to end 20 years of budget cuts and meet

the recommendations of the Higher Education Finance Commission, increasing state funding for public colleges and universities by more than \$500 million a year.

**W**e call for this major reinvestment in public education to happen in time for local communities to include the funding in the next academic year’s budget and in time for public college students to avoid tuition and fee hikes this fall. With these bills, we can begin to repair the persistent education inequity that often exists between students in one community and those in the city or town right next door. We know what we need to do. We can’t afford to wait.

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