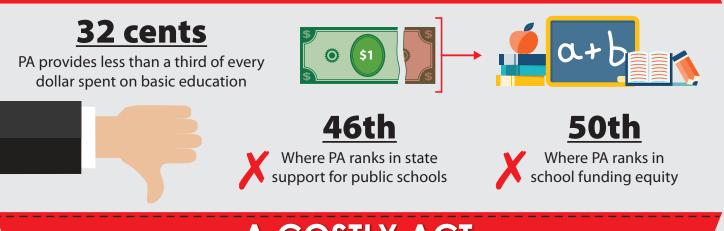
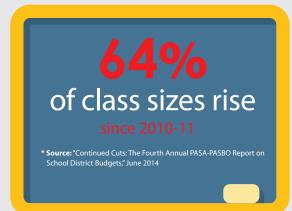
## **Pennsylvania's School Funding Crisis**

### -BY THE NUMBERS<sup>.</sup>

## TRAILING BEHIND



## A COSTLY ACT







Number of education jobs lost since PA cut nearly \$1 billion in school funding in 2011

\*\* Source: PA Dept. of Labor & Industry/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## WHO SUFFERS MOST?

The 1.8 million students who learn in Pennsylvania's public schools.







## Pass A Fair, Balanced State Budget

It's what our schools and students need to avoid the next school funding crisis.

# Our kids deserve better.

Support PA students. Invest in PA schools.

### High-quality education is one of the best investments we can make in our future.

- ✓ Students will get a world-class education, preparing them to lead successful lives.
- ✓ A well-educated workforce will attract employers, strengthening the economy.
- ✓ Fewer people will end up in prison or need expensive human services later in life.

### Our students deserve a state budget that restores all of the school funding cuts.

- Pennsylvania has a rich tradition of excellent public education.
- ✓ We want that tradition to continue with a budget that reduces class sizes and brings back effective learning programs that were cut.

### Our students deserve a school funding system that is fair and equitable.

- ✓ We appreciate the Legislature's adoption of a fair and equitable school funding formula.
- ✓ But the new formula is only as good as the funding behind it.
- ✓ We must increase the state's investment in our public schools.

### We can't ignore the school funding crisis anymore.

✓ Otherwise, there will be more program cuts, staff layoffs, and property tax hikes.

There is no more pressing issue facing lawmakers today than reinvesting in education and fixing the state's broken school funding system.