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UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINS 20 PENNSYLVANIA URBAN SCHOOLS IN SIMULTANEOUS STATEWIDE EFFORT FOR CHARTER REFORM AND EQUITABLE FUNDING

Upper Darby School District hosts a fair-funding press conference on December 5th

Upper Darby, PA - As the anniversary of the beginning of the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott sparked by Rosa Parks in 1955 nears, the Upper Darby School District joins PA League of Urban Schools in the statewide fight for fair funding of public schools for students across Pennsylvania. The PA League of Urban Schools will hold a simultaneous statewide press conference to call attention to the need for charter reform and funding inequities that are dramatically impacting urban schools and placing the heavy financial burden of funding public education on taxpayers. Why is fair-funding needed?

- **ALL** PA schools are impacted by inadequate funding for education. However, since urban schools are not able to raise additional revenue to finance a quality education for their students, they are forced to raise local taxes. Urban schools are asked to do more with less, and because the majority of funding comes from local taxes, they simply can't provide the same services and experiences their wealthier suburban neighbors can.
- The quality of a child's education should **not** be dependent upon a zip code and where a child lives.
- One of the biggest ways the state can provide educational funding relief is through charter and cyber funding reform and oversight.
- We are calling on parents, staff, and community members to contact local legislators and tell them that the current system of funding is harming our urban schools, and that charter and cyber funding reform is long overdue, forcing Districts to make tough decisions about resources and programming and crippling our school systems.

“Our students and staff work hard to accomplish amazing things each and every day in classrooms across our District,” says Upper Darby School District Superintendent, Dr. Daniel P. McGarry. “It’s exciting to think of what we could accomplish if we were funded properly. We continue to be underfunded by more than \$16M, funding that could go a long way in furthering our goals around providing Opportunities for Excellence for our students.”

As we recognize the anniversary of the beginning of the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and the civil rights movement on December 5, 1955, please join the rally cry from urban schools across PA in urging lawmakers to ensure an education that is funded adequately for all students.

When: Thursday, Dec. 5 at noon
The anniversary of the beginning of the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott sparked by Rosa Parks in 1955

Where: Upper Darby School District
Upper Darby High School, Board Room

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