

More Equitable Funding for Students

While Indiana's school funding formula has improved over the years to better allow state dollars to fund students rather than buildings, inequities still remain. Due to a variety of factors some school corporations receive more funding per student than others. Additionally, the funding per student declines if that same student moves to a charter school or a voucher school. We can do better. Every child's education is of equal worth and state funding should reflect that.

Rico's family lives in the Indianapolis Public School district. He is currently a first grader at Charles A. Tindley Accelerated Charter School. Depending on where his mother chooses to send him to school, our current funding formula will provide different amounts for his education.

If it costs \$7,058 to educate Rico in IPS, shouldn't he receive that same level of funding no matter which school he attends?



\$6,034	\$7,058	\$5,950	No more than
To attend Charles A.	To attend IPS	To attend	\$4,800
Tindley Accelerated	(+ local property tax	neighboring MSD of	To attend a voucher
Charter School (no	dollars)	Washington	school in the area (no
property tax dollars)		Township (+ local	property tax dollars)
		property tax dollars)	

^{*}Amounts reflect funding in the 14/15 school year and do not include funding for special education, career and technical education, or honors courses.

