

BASD Proud Parents is a group of pro-public education parents who've come together to educate and empower ourselves so that we can effectively participate in policy discussions that shape our schools. We follow legislation that is currently being debated in Harrisburg; we meet with our legislators to build relationships and ensure that parents' voices are effectively heard in policy discussions; we help shine a light on the innumerable ways our schools are working for our children and our communities.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS...
ARE THE BEST CHOICE!**

- Public Schools...**
attract the best teachers
- Public Schools...**
have a greater sense of community
- Public Schools...**
increase educational choice
- Public Schools...**
have greater diversity
- Public Schools...**
are more fiscally responsible
- Public Schools...**
are more reliable
- Public Schools...**
have greater commitments to students
- Public Schools...**
provide more amenities
- Public Schools...**
match or outperform privatized schools

Value our children, not profit



HOW TO HELP OUR CHILDREN

Join the BASD Proud Parent e-mail list

*Follow BASD Proud Parents
on Facebook or Twitter*

*Call your PA State Representative
and Senator to lend your voice to
issued related to public school funding*

*Encourage your friends and
neighbors to join the group*



The mission of BASD Proud Parents is to educate parents and our community about issues that impact our public schools and to empower parents, students and neighbors to make our voices heard

OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER

Improved funding for public schools would make a significant difference for our children and community

- Additional support for elementary school teachers
- Smaller class sizes at the middle school and high school levels to give our children the support they need to succeed
- More state funding would reduce reliance on local taxes to fund our schools
- Better funding for the after school activities that our kids love
- Enhanced summer programs for ALL students
- More mental health support services for students
- Increased instructional coaching for teachers
- Greater career counseling and community partnerships that prepare our students for life after graduation

VALUE OUR CHILDREN, NOT PROFIT

- Each year unaccountable charter schools siphon off \$33 million from the BASD budget.
- Each year the PA State "Fair Funding" formula short changes BASD \$20 million.
- If school vouchers are implemented, millions of dollars could be diverted from public schools to pay for rich people to attend "elite" private schools.



SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

LEARN HOW TO CONNECT WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS

HELP US PASS INFORMATION ALONG TO YOUR SCHOOLS

STAY INFORMED EDUCATE- ADVOCATE

If you'd like to join our efforts, have us come speak at your school or learn more about how you can become involved, contact us, visit our website or follow us on social media.

