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**Parents, Education Advocates, Concerned Community Members Join Together for Virtual Watch Party of Historic Pennsylvania School Funding Lawsuit**

LOCATION – A group of local parents, public education advocates, and concerned members of the community took part in an online viewing party on ::DATE:: to watch testimony in the historic lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Pennsylvania’s school funding system being heard in Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg.

::NAME LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:: organized the watch party, which included a conversation about local organizing and opportunities to educate the public on the widening funding gap that school districts across the state are facing. Pennsylvania has one of the nation’s widest gaps in funding between low-wealth and high-wealth school districts, and education funding overall is $4.6 billion below an adequacy target set by the state.

::QUOTE FROM LOCAL ORGANIZER/PARTICIPANT::

Public watch parties will continue once a week for the duration of the trial. Many organizations from across the state will fill the role as host for future watch sessions, but any member of the public is invited to register to join here.

More information about the trial, the litigants, and the public-school funding gap in Pennsylvania is available here: <https://www.fundourschoolspa.org/>.

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