**Trial Quotes**

If you choose to, you may have people at your event read any or all of the following quotes that were stated by witnesses in the lawsuit.

1. “We shouldn’t have had to rely on a pandemic for our kids to have the opportunity that everyone else in the state has.” – Panther Valley Superintendent, David McAndrew.
2. “We have a moral responsibility to prepare students. We have to prepare students for the global economy.” – Former Dep. Secretary PA DOE, Matthew Stem.
3. “Our class sizes are too big. The largest 4th grade has 27 students. 3rd has 26 students. One certified teacher in a classroom like that is just not enough.” – Greater Johnstown First Grade Teacher, Ms. Stephanie Kobel.
4. “Hope of adulthood and a career and being successful starts with us and if we are unable to give them the right foundation, we take away their hope for a bright future.” Greater Johnstown Superintendent, Dr. Amy Arcurio.
5. “Cutting programs that you know are going to affect children is extremely difficult,” he said, “and it makes you question… “What are we doing?” For his daughter, he said, the opportunity to take art classes provide motivation for her in her other courses, as it does for many other students, and so eliminating the K-8 art program was “heartbreaking.” – Wilkes-Barre Superintendent, Brian Castello
6. “We spend [In Philadelphia] the least in the state despite having almost the highest need in the state.” - Uri Monson, CFO for the School District of Philadelphia
7. “I had never experienced such a deep commitment from individuals who were so concerned about young people being educated as I had experienced when I was talking with individuals in Philadelphia.” Dr. William Hite, Superintendent of the School District of Philadelphia.
8. “What use would a carpenter have for biology?” asked John Krill of Matthew Splain, superintendent of the Otto-Eldred School District in McKean County and president of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools, one of the plaintiffs. Splain had said his district’s scores on state standardized tests in biology and other subjects were not acceptable.
9. “The question in my mind is, thorough and efficient to what end? To serve the needs of the Commonwealth,” Krill said. “Lest we forget, the Commonwealth has many needs. There’s a need for retail workers, for people who know how to flip a pizza crust.”
10. “What use would someone on the McDonald’s career track have for Algebra I?” Attorney Krill.
11. “School funding, school resource equity, is an essential investment to advance student achievement.” Dr. Rucker Johnson, Chancellor Professor at University of California, Berkeley.
12. “In the Commonwealth currently, those districts that need the most get the least.”  Dr. Matthew Kelly, Professor at Penn State’s College of Education