

Rhode Island is *Ready*

We're *ready* – for all of our children to have access to a quality public education. We know what is best for our kids, our neighborhoods, and our state's future. We're *ready* to find an equitable education reform solution. We're *ready* to tell our elected leaders exactly what that solution is. We're *ready*. Are you?

Ready is a campaign for equitable education reform founded and led by parents and students, tax payers, educators and activists. We are ready to partner with business, faith and community groups, school committees, elected officials, and others. Please join us.

What we believe:

Every Rhode Island child has the right to a quality public education.

As demonstrated by our state's standards and assessments, thousands of Rhode Island public school children are not receiving even a minimally adequate education.

The current system of state funding to local school districts is inequitable and has resulted in significant funding disparities among the thirty-six school districts. There are many schools that lack the resources to provide a quality education to our children.

What we want:

An adequate and equitable funding formula for State education aid that will help to ensure that every Rhode Island child has access to a quality public education, and provide a foundation for other needed reforms.

We will support and advocate for funding formula proposals that:

- assess what an adequate education per student costs, taking into account each student's needs;
- provide real, actual and meaningful funding to those districts that are currently underfunded, starting at the earliest possible date;
- provide equitable funding based on each student's needs and the ability of each district to raise local funds, ensuring that districts with the least local resources receive a greater proportion of state support to ensure an adequate education for every child in Rhode Island, regardless of town of residence;
- provide predictable state funding in a manner that allows school districts to plan their budgets and programs.

As a member of *Ready* I the undersigned and/or the organization I represent agree to:

- 1) Actively support the *Ready* campaign;
- 2) Work with the campaign to evaluate and advocate for education policy that will benefit students, parents, educators, and tax payers in Rhode Island;
- 3) Contribute time and individual or organizational resources to support the campaign's priorities when and where appropriate;
- 4) Participate in campaign meetings, events and actions as often as possible; and
- 5) Promote *Ready* and inspire colleagues, friends, family, and neighbors (anyone really!) to join the cause for equitable education reform.

Signed Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Date: _____

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Please return:

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