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Please check out the updated list of Boards and Committees that have passed the resolution on Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's Recommendations at:

It's quite an impressive list!

Thank you to all who have already passed the Resolution. The broad-based support tells us that many of you understand it is our intent to mobilize a strong group of local and State officials, around the topic of adequate State funding for education.

Adequate funding for education is an equally relevant topic for both school and municipal officials from the largest cities to the smallest towns in the Commonwealth. The issue affects all types of communities - urban, suburban and rural in all corners of the state, from the Cape to the Berkshires.

The current formula needs updating. No matter what level of funding you currently receive, the underfunding of the Foundation Budget, as identified by the Foundation Budget Review Commission, affects all our schools and puts additional pressures on the property tax in all our communities.

The good news is that, acting together, we have become a meaningful voice in recent weeks.

So what's next?

If your board has not yet passed the Resolution, please consider putting it on your agenda for discussion. The Resolution and supporting material can be found here:

[Read Chapter 70 Funding Resolution](#)

[Read Chapter 70 Resolution Rationale](#)

1. If you have passed the Resolution, but not yet sent a signed copy to your Senator(s) and Representative(s), please do so immediately.
2. Also, please make sure you have notified us at info@suburbancoalition.org if you have taken action.
3. Please follow up with you State Senator and Representative within the next month to remind them that you are part of this growing statewide concern and to provide them with firsthand information about how diminishing State funding is affecting your municipality and school district.

4. Watch for more updates. We will be planning a meeting in early May to bring people together around advocating for this issue.

Lastly, we would urge all local officials to take the long view for this effort. One of the key pillars of the Massachusetts economy is an excellent public education system. When we eventually succeed in prioritizing state education funding in Massachusetts to a truly adequate, equitable and reliable level, we will all benefit and will have played a part in this laudable task. Thank you for your support.

The Suburban Coalition is a statewide organization of local officials that advocates for the resources, funding and support at the state level to sustain thriving communities throughout the Commonwealth. We work to ensure that every municipality has the resources to provide high-quality essential services of life safety, education and infrastructure maintenance to its citizens. We provide input to the state about local services, state funding and state regulations. By speaking with one voice, we can address mutual problems more effectively at the state level. The Suburban Coalition is the only statewide organization that brings together Selectmen, School Committees and Finance Committees and other local officials to jointly advocate for our communities. For more information, visit suburbancoalition.org.

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