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Stand for Children Thanks Lawmakers for Keeping State on Path to School Funding Equity

Chicago – Today the Illinois General Assembly approved a budget that continues to build on the promise of last summer’s historic school funding formula. By committing \$350 million in new funding to drive student achievement, our elected officials kept the momentum from last summer going toward a more equitable and adequate school funding environment in Illinois.

“As we said at the time, last summer’s historic school funding reform was a call to action, not the end of the road for school funding,” said Mimi Rodman, Stand for Children Illinois Executive Director. “The new formula is something to be proud of, but it only works if our elected officials appropriate the new resources it needs to succeed as intended. By passing the budget this week and funding Illinois schools, our elected officials kept our state on the path to funding equity and adequacy. We still have work to do to get every district to adequacy, but these new resources will be an important boost to districts across the state. Stand remains focused on giving every Illinois student the resources and support they need to get an education that prepares them for college or career training.”

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