

Fair school funding is the goal

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A June 17 article about school funding accurately describes the challenges some districts face in adjusting to a fairer system. While prudence in budgeting is important, it is the amount of state aid per student that has a greater effect on local taxes. In the '06-'07 fiscal year, Punxsutawney received \$3,000 more per student than Allentown. This allowed it to have both lower property taxes and higher per student spending. Had Allentown received the same per student, our taxes would be 25 percent lower and there would still be funds to invest. I hope by June 30 the governor and Legislature will agree on funding that treats everyone fairly, from Allentown to Punxsutawney.

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