

Time to fund the Leandro plan To the Editor: This is a critical moment for the future of public education in North Carolina, a once in lifetime opportunity to take critical action to right the wrongs of inequity and inadequacy of funding, and to ensure that all children in North Carolina get the quality education they deserve.

The Leandro plan is the end result of a 20 year court battle which affirms children's right to a sound public education.

In a recent hearing, Judge David Lee gave the legislature until October 18, 2021 to set forth their plans to fund compliance with the court order. There is money available in the legislature to fund the proposals in Leandro but current proposed budgets (the Legislature has not passed a budget yet) do not do that.

Now is the time to let Governor Cooper and your legislators know you want to fully fund the Leandro Plan to improve our public schools. An easy way to do this is to go to [NC.gov](https://www.nc.gov) and click on Government for contact information for your legislator.

The League of Women Voters USA, League of Women Voters North Carolina and the League of Women Voters Henderson County all have support for Public education as a backbone of our democracy as part of their core beliefs and values We urge all concerned citizens to take action this week .

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