

**AAEA Testimony**  
**to the**  
**Joint Adequacy Committee**  
**May 13, 2014**

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Here are some key points of AAEA's testimony.

- (1) An annual COLA for foundation funding and categorical funding.
- (2) Provisions for adequate bandwidth for ALL schools including the use of ARE-ON network.
- (3) Replacement of the PD categorical funding that was transferred to health insurance.
- (4) Increase funding for school facilities through the Partnership Program. Recommended allowing charter schools to pass a millage or sales tax to fund facilities, but only after the charter meets certain criteria. The criteria including but not limited to that a charter's student population mirrors the traditional school district in race, poverty, special education, etc. before being allowed to ask voters for a tax to fund their facilities program. A needs assessment and plan would have to be completed just like traditional schools are required to do. State would need a plan in case charter defaults on the building.
- (5) Increase funding for quality pre-K programs.
- (6) An evaluation of how college remediation is determined including the use of the ACT assessment as the criteria for determining remediation. Recommended placing career and technical education under the direction of the ADE.
- (7) Concern over unfunded mandates as several have been passed to schools recently.