



## **Association of Metropolitan School Districts**

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### **AMSD Legislative Priorities 2024**

Historic inflation, staffing shortages, and new programs and requirements enacted in the 2023 session have created significant budget challenges for school districts. AMSD member school districts face a combined budget shortfall of more than \$300 million for the 2024-25 school year. AMSD urges the Governor and Legislators to adopt the following priorities in the 2024 legislative session to stabilize budgets and help school districts successfully implement the new programs.

- Provide \$100 per pupil in one-time aid to support a successful implementation of the Read Act and other programs approved in the 2023 session;
- Phase-in an increase in Local Optional Revenue to \$920 per pupil and link it to the formula;
- Enact a permanent funding stream to cover mandated unemployment insurance and Paid Family Medical Leave costs;
- Make compensatory hold harmless funding permanent;
- Grant flexibility with instructional hour requirements to allow school districts to establish personalized, competency-based learning opportunities for students.

*In addition, AMSD urges Legislators and the Governor to refrain from enacting new mandates in the 2024 session. School boards, administrators, teachers, and other school staff are working tirelessly to implement the expansive new programs and requirements adopted last year and need time and space to ensure successful implementation.*

*Approved by the AMSD Board of Directors on April 5, 2024*