

# CMSD/COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS ASKS CONGRESS FOR STIMULUS RELIEF



The Council of the Great City Schools, an organization representing 76 of America's big city schools including Cleveland, sent a letter to Congress requesting \$200 billion in federal stimulus dollars for K-12 education nationwide



## THE REQUEST

- ✓ \$175 billion in stabilization funds for K-12 education
- ✓ \$25 billion additional Title I and IDEA funding support nationwide
- ✓ \$2 billion additional E-Rate funding

## THE IMPORTANCE

- ✓ State and local tax revenues forecasted to drop 15-25%
- ✓ CMSD alone stands to lose nearly \$90 million (16% of our budget)
- ✓ Only Congress can help!

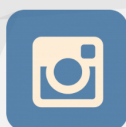
## THE PLAN

- ✓ Ensuring access to high-speed reliable internet
- ✓ Staving off significant projected budget revenue shortfalls and the resulting layoffs that would need to occur
- ✓ Purchase and distribution of technology

## WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW

Please contact your member of the House of Representatives and Ohio Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman. Below is a sample letter to send to your local representative.

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**Subject: Ask Congress to support K-12 Education**

[Date]

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

House (or Senate) Office Building

Washington, DC 20515 (20510)

Dear Congressman/Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

As a CMSD (parent, family member/service provider/advocate/community member), I am writing about an issue that is very important to me: funding for K-12 education. Specifically, I am writing to urge you to support the Council of the Great City Schools request of \$200 billion in federal stimulus dollars.

This global public health emergency has had a significant impact on school districts, municipalities, and states nationwide. With your support we can help students and families with basic necessities like meals, Chromebooks, and even gaining access to the internet.

The education sector industry is one of the largest employers in the country; to keep people off unemployment, we must protect education. Investing in education is an investment in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Your name

Your address

**Contacting your member of the House of Representatives and Ohio Senators advocating for their support of a federal stimulus bill for education:**

To contact Senator Sherrod Brown, click here: <https://www.brown.senate.gov/contact>

To contact Senator Rob Portman, click here: <https://www.portman.senate.gov/meet/contact>

To contact Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, click here: <https://fudge.house.gov/contact-me/>

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