



## Proposed Wording of “School Finance”

Public school funding should guarantee equal access to high quality education for all Indiana children.

The State should provide school corporations with the funds for high quality elementary and secondary education of all Indiana children, regardless of their place of residence.

The ~~program~~ *educational experience* should be appropriate for each child's individual potential and circumstances. ~~It~~ *Funding* should reflect the added per-pupil cost of equalizing educational opportunity for children who are economically disadvantaged, ~~physically handicapped~~ *have disabilities*, or have other special needs.

Mandates by the State should be fully funded by the State.

Funding methods should be stable and predictable so as to allow for efficient planning. The methods should provide incentives for creative efforts by school corporations.

If additional revenues are needed, the League favors the use of the State income tax.

The League supports limited additional local funding which allows for local interests. The League does not oppose the use of tax referenda to increase such school funding.

The League opposes the use of tuition tax credits for school operating expenses. *LWVGL: Requesting clarification of this statement. It was understood that families receive tax credits so how would this credit be used for operating expense in the first place?*

Transportation, capital projects, and debt service should be funded by a mix of State and local taxes. Unused local monies from these sources should go to a local rainy-day fund.

~~Under the state program,~~ Teachers' salaries should be competitive within the field.

### Rationale:

Paragraph 3: LWVGL tried to interpret what '*program*' and '*It*' meant in the text. This is how we translated these two words. Perhaps we are in correct. We are not totally attached to the change of '*physically handicapped*' to '*have disabilities*'; just looking for a pc interpretation. Perhaps it is not all inclusive enough since 'other special needs' may cover disabilities.

Paragraph 8: LWVGL was confused bout who received the tuition credits; school or parents?

Paragraph 10: '*Under the state program,*' seemed irrelevant to the meaning of the statement.