

Friend,

During this year's General Election on November 6, Allegheny County residents will be asked if they are in favor of establishing the Allegheny County Children's Fund. I will be voting 'yes,' and I hope you'll join me.

Our children are successful when they have a strong foundation. That is why the "Our kids. Our commitment." Allegheny County Children's Fund Initiative is focused on proven services that yield strong benefits for our entire community; early learning, nutritious meals, and after school programs. The Allegheny County Children's Fund will revolutionize the way we fund these services in the county and pay dividends for our kids' - and county's - future successes.

The proposed Allegheny County Children's Fund would be used to improve and expand services to children throughout Allegheny County. Resources generated by the fund will be distributed based on need, effectiveness, and fair and equitable allocation and will result in many more eligible children who are currently not being served having the opportunity to benefit from these programs. This will be a public process, with community oversight, to ensure access to quality services and equitable distribution of funds.

Support for the Allegheny County Children's Fund will come from a 0.25 millage rate increase to property taxes. For the average Allegheny County homeowner, that's less than \$30 a year to generate \$18 million annually. The resulting revenue from this tax increase can ONLY be used to support the Allegheny County Children's Fund and for no other county government purposes.

Please consider joining us to help spread the word about the referendum and vote "yes" on November 6! For more information about the initiative and to get involved with the campaign, visit [www.ourkidsourcommitment.org](http://www.ourkidsourcommitment.org)

Sincerely,

NAME

Ballot Question:

"Shall the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter be amended to establish the Allegheny County Children's Fund, funded by Allegheny County levying and collecting an additional 0.25 mills, the equivalent of \$25 on each \$100,000 of assessed value, on all taxable real estate, beginning January 1, 2019 and thereafter, to be used to improve the wellbeing of children through the provision of services throughout the County including early childhood learning, after school programs, and nutritious meals?"