INVESTING IN EDUCATION

The FY23 budget demonstrates the Kenney Administration’s commitment to education as more local tax support goes to education investments than to any other investment. When combined with the $389.4 million contribution from the General Fund, the $1.4 billion in local tax support brings the total local tax support to $1.8 billion. During the Kenney Administration, the General Fund contribution to education has more than doubled and overall local support for education has grown by more than $300 million. These investments make Philadelphia more economically competitive, growing the talent and workforce pipeline, and provide neighborhood-based supports for adults and children. They are designed to ensure that as Philadelphia grows, it grows equitably, enabling all Philadelphians to access family-sustaining jobs and to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

$389.4MILLION FY23 GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION

$270M FOR THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Kenney Administration’s general fund investment, increased by $14 million over last year, supports the fiscal stability for the District to enable improved outcomes for students. Since the beginning of the Kenney Administration, the City’s contribution to the District has increased from $104 million in FY16 to $270 million for FY23, an increase of 160 percent.

$39.3M FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA & $10.8M THE OCTAVIUS CATTO SCHOLARSHIP
The City invests in the operations and capital program of the Community College of Philadelphia through a $39.3 million contribution and to the Octavius Catto Scholarship to provide high-quality, accessible secondary education. The Catto Scholarship, which started during the Kenney Administration, makes CCP tuition-free for eligible full-time students and provides stipends for books, transportation and food, drastically improving college access and persistence.

$47.6M FOR PHLPREK & $12.4M FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
The Mayor’s commitment to high quality pre-K, and growing community schools — made possible because of the Philadelphia Beverage Tax will be expanded in FY23. Adding 300 new PHLpreK slots, for a total of 4,300, and funding for 20 Community Schools, an increase of 3 compared to FY22, brings quality learning and resources to a growing number of Philadelphians.

$7.9M FOR THE WORKREADY PROGRAM
To support education and job preparedness, the Kenney Administration invests in WorkReady, allowing teens and young adults to engage in meaningful summer employment.

$1.5M FOR ADULT EDUCATION
To expand and facilitate access to adult education opportunities, the City invests in adult education which is essential for Philadelphians to achieve their individual potential, which in turn creates economic growth, reduces inequality, and fosters social inclusion.

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