

**30th anniversary of the trial court decision in the DeRolph School Funding case—July 1, 2024—
Part 6.**

30 years ago today, Perry County Common Pleas Judge Linton Lewis, Jr. ruled Ohio's school funding system unconstitutional. The Ohio Supreme Court agreed in 4 decisions.

Judge Lewis ruled that education in Ohio is a fundamental right (i.e.) students have a protected right to a quality education via the common school system. The Ohio Supreme Court did not rule on the fundamental right issue but did rule that Ohio's elementary and secondary schools were neither thorough nor efficient. The rest is history.