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The Nashua Board of Education voted 9-0 last night to join the ConVal Regional School District and several other school districts across the state as co-plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the State of New Hampshire over funding public education.

Filed in March 2019, the lawsuit claims the state does not meet its constitutional obligation to provide an adequate education to each New Hampshire resident, echoing earlier lawsuits about inadequate funding such as the [Claremont case](#) filed in 1997.

The original ConVal 2019 suit claims the state of New Hampshire does not live up to its constitutional obligation to provide funding for an adequate education for all New Hampshire students. According to the New Hampshire Department of Education, the cost per pupil for the current 2020-2021 school year is \$16,823.88. The 2020-2021 base adequacy funding of \$3,708.78 provided by the State of New Hampshire falls far short in supporting a student's education. Local property owners make up the difference in funding.

"I am proud of our Board in its unanimous support of the ConVal lawsuit, and we are not hesitating in joining so many other school districts, large and small, in moving this case forward," said Heather Raymond, President of the Nashua Board of Education.

Nashua joins ConVal, Claremont, Derry, Fall Mountain, Grantham, Hillsboro-Deering, Hopkinton, Manchester, Mascenic, Mascoma, Monadnock, Newport, Oyster River, and Winchester school districts.

"Quite simply, the State of New Hampshire is not living up to its responsibility to adequately fund public education," said James Donchess, Mayor of the City of Nashua. "We all value public education because it uniquely serves our community honorably to make sure each and every student has an equal opportunity, no matter what circumstances, to lead educated, productive and engaged lives."

The New Hampshire School Boards Association and the American Civil Liberties Union signed onto an amicus brief in support of the lawsuit.

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