

PA GOV. SHORTCHANGES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on how Catholic schools are being fleeced in Pennsylvania:

In response to COVID-19, Congress unanimously passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help states financially. Pennsylvania asked the federal government for \$523.8 million in emergency funds to help schools, both public and private. Washington responded by granting \$471 million.

Washington authorized \$66 million to be spent on private and religious schools, but Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf is allotting \$19 million. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is accusing him of “misappropriating some \$47 million in federal funds and harming families who have chosen to send their children to Catholic and nonpublic schools.”

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is correct. What Wolf is doing is indefensible. If he can get away with this money grab, shortchanging religious and private schools, other governors may follow suit. We all need to sound off.

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