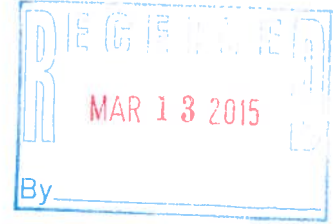




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March 11, 2015

Jeffrey Crane
Superintendent
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321 List Ave
Rochester, NY 14617

Dear Jeffrey Crane:

I write to send you a copy of the Memorializing Resolution that will be submitted to the Governor's office from members of the Democratic Caucus of the Monroe County Legislature. We are supporting your request that the Governor release the school aid runs to local school districts. We have also asked our Republican colleagues to join with us and sign on to this letter as well.

The Governor's decision to not release this data is unprecedented and flawed. I've had the opportunity to work with school districts throughout the region and understand how important it is to have these figures in a timely way in order to create accurate annual budgets.

My colleagues and I thank you for your service and commitment to education. We hope that we can remain partners as we fight for a common goal: to make sure that we provide each child with the best education possible in New York State.

Again, thank you for your commitment to the future of the Monroe County's children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,

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March 9, 2015

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

RE: Memorializing Governor Andrew Cuomo to immediately release the school aid runs to local school districts.

Honorable Legislators:

New York State has a long and proud tradition of supporting excellence in public education. In the most recent U.S. News Best High Schools Rankings, New York has the most public high schools listed in the top 100. Out of all the U.S News rankings, New York was second only to California in the number of schools that are considered the most successful at preparing students for college. It is no wonder that we take great pride in our local school districts and in providing a quality education for our children. In Monroe County, many of our school districts are thriving with high graduation rates and delivering innovative, exciting and rich curriculum to the students in their community.

Governor Andrew Cuomo's 2015 Executive Budget, is the first annual Executive Budget Proposal in history which fails to contain detailed budgetary information about each local school district's anticipated state aid. Because the State operates on a different fiscal year than the school districts, the state has traditionally provided school aid runs with the Executive Budget. This helps local districts to comply with their statutory obligation to present the community with a district budget in May. Local school districts also use this information to comply with reporting requirements for the property tax cap. This information is essential for our local school districts and withholding its release jeopardizes local school districts' ability to engage in meaningful and transparent dialogue with the local community about the plans for the upcoming school year.

Therefore we urge this Honorable Body to join us in calling upon the Governor to stop playing politics with our children's education and release the state aid estimates to local school districts immediately.

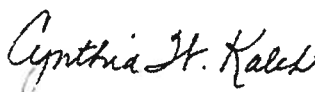
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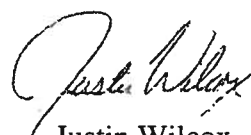
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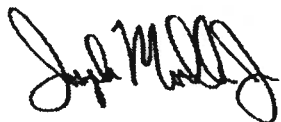
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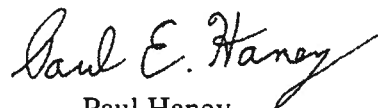
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