

Dear Senator/Assembly Member \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to express my displeasure with and strong opposition to the State Budget education proposals offered by each House of the Legislature.

I call on you to reject the Senate proposals to fund Charter Schools and provide tax breaks for financial contributions made to Charter and private schools and redirect these funds to provide badly needed and meaningful fiscal support to the public schools in your district by:

- Maintaining the Assembly plan to add \$402 million to Foundation Aid, **AND**
- Increasing the GEA restoration to AT LEAST HALF OF THE \$1.63 BILLION that now exists

I believe that the budget proposals as currently structured, demonstrate a lack of respect to the needs of the children of your district, as well as to your many constituents who have met with you and otherwise expressed their concerns for their students, schools and communities.

Thank you,