



ENOUGH!

Enough – of shortchanging state aid to public schools, by Gap Elimination Adjustment cuts and Foundation Aid freezes while the state projects budget surpluses!

Enough – of cynically underfunding public schools, by shortchanging state aid and capping local revenues while neglecting mandate relief!

Enough – of considering a proposal for a destructive, ill-conceived local tax freeze that ignores the tough choices school districts leaders and voters have been making all along, to hold down taxes and spending while trying to preserve opportunities for children!

Enough – of schemes to expand charter schools and give tax credits for private schools, undercutting the capacity to support the public schools that educate roughly 85 percent of the state’s children!

Support a state budget that does **enough** to support our public schools.

- This year, over 70 percent of the state’s school districts are still receiving less School Aid than in 2008-09 – five years ago.
- The Educational Conference Board estimates a \$1.5 billion increase in regular School Aid is needed to allow districts to preserve current opportunities for students, given moderate assumptions about school costs and the reality that the state has capped the ability to raise local revenue.

Support a state budget that gives our poorest districts **enough** help to have a fair chance at giving their students the opportunities we all would want for our own children.

Support a state budget that **rejects** the school tax freeze that would make it impossible for some districts to raise **enough** local revenue to preserve opportunities for their students. A better option would be to *decouple* the plan from the tax cap and provide rebates to districts that can show they have already implemented consolidation and sharing plans that are producing recurring savings.

Support a state budget that **does not** make unaffordable promises to expand charter schools, private school tax credits, and other costly new programs that could undermine the state’s capacity to provide **enough** support for our public schools in years ahead.

Please support a state budget that makes adequate support for public schools the priority, this year and in the future.