

February 11, 2019

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

As Long Islanders, we commit to pay our taxes, with the expectation that our tax dollars are appropriately used to fund our public schools. As you are aware, in 2007 funding in the form of Foundation Aid was promised and allocated to provide increased funding to school districts, especially those with the highest needs; however, when a financial crisis emerged in 2008, Foundation Aid was frozen. And, although New York State is no longer in crisis, school districts have yet to receive the Foundation Aid that is rightfully theirs.

The children, the community, and the taxpayers of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, and its component Elementary Schools, are owed over \$11,000,000.00 in funding from New York State for the 2017-2018 school year. In just one year, New York State took, on average, \$1,022.93 from each child's education in my school district and Elementary school constituents. When multiplied by the ten years that Foundation Aid was withheld, tax payers across the state are owed significant amounts of school funding.

Living in one of the highest tax areas of the state, it troubles me that our school districts are not getting what we have been paying for because New York State will not honor its own promises.

Ignoring the promises of the past will negatively impact children in the future. Our children and schools are being robbed of what is rightfully theirs. Without the proper funding, class size will increase and programs will be cut. The quality public education that we as Long Islanders, as New Yorkers, expect and pay for, will erode.

Long Island pays its fair share to ensure that public schools provide a comprehensive education for ALL students. **New York State must do the right thing and honor its promises and fund all schools what they are owed.**

Sincerely,

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Assemblyman David McDonough  
404 Bedford Ave.  
Bellmore, NY 11710

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Senator John Brooks  
5550 Merrick Road  
Suite 205  
Massapequa, NY 11758

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