Dear Senate and Assembly Members Representing Central New York:

I am writing today to ask you to increase the total education budget and to repeal the School Receivership legislation.

Please increase the total education budget by $2.1 Billion. It is imperative that the state legislature include a bare minimum of $1.1 billion in the Foundation Aid Formula which benefits high needs urban and rural schools in NYS.  With that money, high need urban and rural schools would have resources enough to add back programs that were cut during the financial downturn, creating positive outcomes for many more children statewide.

New York Receivership Law denies fair labor practices and uses test scores to justify the mass firing of teachers.  Across New York State over 140 Public Schools are currently under Receivership.   New York Law establishes Receivership for schools that have been or will be categorized as persistently failing and struggling.  That these schools are identified as the schools in the lowest 5% state-wide on NY/Common Core assessments will mean there will always be failing schools and schools in Receivership in NYS.

Sincerely,

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