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The Honorable Philip M. Boyle
New York State Senate
69 West Main Street, Suite B
Bay Shore, NY 11706

Dear Senator Boyle:

The Suffolk County School Superintendents Association (SCSSA) has developed its legislative priorities for the year. We would welcome the opportunity to have a conversation with you in an effort to determine how to work together to move forward in the best interest of public education on Long Island.

Once again, the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) is a central focus of our advocacy. As you know, the GEA is a formula that was introduced to withhold state aid from school districts. Over the last four years, it has cost Long Island school districts over \$1.2 billion. This has occurred while demands on our schools continue to grow. Changing regional demographics, a weakened local economy, and the implementation of an array of expensive State Education Department initiatives have driven much of this growth.

We are also interested in discussing the challenges that school districts are facing with the latest influx of unaccompanied youth and the expected costs of the Commissioner's recent Part 154 Regulations. Attached are two brochures that we have developed. One details our priorities and the second outlines the impact of the GEA on every Long Island school district.

The committee has asked that I invite you to participate in a meeting with members of the Legislative Committee of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Eastern Suffolk BOCES James Hines Administration Center in Patchogue (directions attached) to discuss these issues. Please confirm your attendance with Doreen Frazier at 631-687-3001 or dfrazier@esboces.org by Wednesday, December 10.

Thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely,

Julie Davis Lutz, Ph.D.
Legislative Co-Chairperson

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Attachments