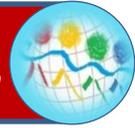


STOP STATE AID CUTS NOW!
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN, THEIR SCHOOLS, & THEIR FUTURES!



Governor Phil Murphy
Office of Governor
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Dear Governor Murphy,

My name is
Morris County.

I am a concerned citizen who lives in Washington Township,

One of the most important things to me about Washington Township and Morris County is the quality of public education. It is one of the main reasons I moved and started a family here, and I am sure most others would say the same.

For this reason, I am very concerned with the news that school districts in this area are facing millions of dollars of cuts to state aid over the coming years. Washington Township Schools will lose more than \$5.1 Million in state funding for our schools in the next seven years. I understand this is a result of the newly implemented school funding formula, but it's hard for me to grasp what exactly in that formula has us losing so much aid. In Trenton, these students may just look like numbers on a score card. Please understand that these cuts will have an impact on real students who for years have benefited from the quality of public education in our area.

New Jersey superintendents and administrators are left with few options when facing the type of cuts that your office and its formula have generated. It's obvious that these cuts will result in either higher property taxes or a lower quality of education for the children in my district.

I find the current situation unacceptable, and implore your office to work to find some other solution. We already pay some of the highest property taxes in the country – and now our funding is getting cut? That's not the New Jersey I know and moved into to raise my family.

I join Mayor Matthew Murello, Superintendent Jeff Mohre the Washington Township Board of Education, and Assemblyman Anthony Bucco in their fight for restoration of our funding. I urge you to revisit this matter promptly before these numbers become set in stone later this year.

Our state's children are counting on it.

Respectfully,