

Legislator/Government Representative
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Dear _____,

I am writing in response to the information presented during the Governor's Executive Budget address. Specifically, as a Long Island resident, I have serious concerns about the proposed reductions for Long Island schools; in particular, Sachem Central School District.

Last year, I felt that our state representatives finally began to listen to the middle class voices and our property tax concerns. As a result, additional steps were enacted in the State budget to provide relief to many school communities on Long Island. In response to the additional school aid, our Board of Education budgeted responsibly by putting forth no tax increase to the local taxpayers. I'm sure this is what you envisioned when you proposed the budget.

The Governor's new proposal for the 2008-09 school year does not fulfill the promises of his educational vision for New York State. Clearly, Long Island received less than its fair share when compared with the rest of New York. The reductions in BOCES aid and "save harmless" foundation aid will negatively impact our school district. In fact, this would undo all of the good which was created last year.

Please do what you can and advocate for what is right for Long Island taxpayers and our children.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter facing our Long Island communities.

Sincerely,