




Support Our Students

Given the recent enactment of P.L. 2018, Chapter 67, and before irreparable harm is done to many school districts, their students, employees and their taxpayers, we the undersigned, the Support Our Students Advocacy Group- a statewide coalition currently representing 57 school districts and more than 138,000 students- are respectfully, but firmly, requesting that the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) immediately cease any further action in reducing state aid from affected districts (this action should not apply to districts scheduled for state aid increases) when developing allocations for the 2019-20 budget year until the material flaws in the state aid formula are evaluated and addressed. Districts are losing state aid based on Local Fair Share (LFS) calculations that have known and serious inaccuracies.

First, the property wealth figures used to calculate LFS should include the many billions of dollars, on an equalized basis, in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS). Second, the property wealth figures in the formula cannot be relied upon until the equalized valuations are updated for the 25-plus towns that have not had legally required property revaluations in over 25 years. Third, the accuracy of the LFS numbers cannot be validated until the allocation and adjustment methodology of the property and income multiplier calculations for the distribution of \$6.3 billion in Equalization Aid is revealed and provided for all NJ school districts (the NJDOE has been unwilling to share said calculations). It should be noted that all of these factors, especially as they apply to many districts that currently receive a significant amount of state aid, would affect the LFS calculations on a statewide basis, and would therefore impact the Equalization Aid allocations for all NJ school districts. We also strongly believe that before any district loses additional aid, the factors and numbers used to calculate a district's adequacy budget must first be fully reviewed and updated in determining how much Equalization Aid a district should be entitled to.

We respectfully request that a joint legislative committee be immediately convened, with an aggressive timeline, to evaluate the concerns with the LFS calculators and the calculation of a district's adequacy budget as noted above, and to provide recommendations to the full state legislature. In addition to members of the legislature, this committee should include the NJDOE, and should also be comprised of an equal number of districts in terms of those negatively impacted, positively impacted and those with state aid allocations that have remained the same.

District	County	Name	Position	Signature
Beverly City	Ocean	Brian Savage	Business Administrator	<i>Brian F. Savage</i>
Bloomsbury	Hunterdon	Jenniffer Marycz	Superintendent	
Brick Township	Ocean	Gerard Dalton	Superintendent	<i>Gerard Dalton</i>
Burlington City	Burlington	Patricia Doloughy	Superintendent	<i>Patricia T. Doloughy</i>
Clearview	Gloucester	John Horchak	Superintendent	John Horchak, III
Clearview	Gloucester	Esther Pennell	Business Administrator	<i>Esther L. Pennell</i>
Collingswood / Oaklyn	Camden	Scott Oswald	Superintendent	<i>Scott A. Oswald</i>
Delanco	Burlington	Joseph Mersinger	Superintendent	Joseph Mersinger
Delsea Regional	Gloucester	Piera Gravenor	Superintendent	<i>Piera Gravenor</i>
Evesham	Burlington	John Scavelli	Superintendent	<i>John Scavelli, Jr.</i>
Frankford	Sussex	Braden Hirsch	Superintendent	Braden Hirsch
Freehold Regional High School	Monmouth	Chuck Sampson	Superintendent	
Greenwich	Warren	Maria Eppolite	Superintendent	<i>Maria Eppolite</i>
Greenwich-Stow Creek	Cumberland	John Klug	Superintendent	
Hainesport	Burlington	Joe Corn	Superintendent	<i>Joseph P. Corn</i>
Hampton	Sussex	Craig Hutcheson	Superintendent	<i>Craig M. Hutcheson</i>
Hardyston	Sussex	Michael Ryder	Superintendent	<i>Michael Ryder</i>
Hillsborough	Somerset	Jorden Schiff	Superintendent	
Hoboken	Hudson	Christine Johnson	Superintendent	<i>Christine A. Johnson</i>
Jackson Township	Ocean	Michelle Richardson	Business Administrator	
Jackson Township	Ocean	Steve Genco	Superintendent	<i>Stephen Genco</i>
Keansburg	Monmouth	John Niesz	Superintendent	<i>John J. Niesz</i>

Keansburg	Monmouth	Daniel Castles	Business Administrator	See above
Keansburg	Monmouth	Doug Covert	Asst. Superintendent	See above
Kittatinny Regional	Sussex	Craig Hutcheson	Superintendent	<i>Craig M. Hutcheson</i>
Lavallette	Ocean	Patricia Christopher	Business Administrator	<i>Patricia A. Christopher</i>
Lenape Regional	Burlington	Carol Birnbohm	Superintendent	
Linwood	Atlantic	Brian Pruitt	Superintendent	
Little Egg Harbor Regional	Ocean	Nicholas Brown	Business Administrator	<i>Nick K Brown</i>
Little Egg Harbor Regional	Ocean	Melissa Ann Cooley	Superintendent	<i>Melissa A McCooley</i>
Logan Township	Gloucester	Patricia L. Haney	Superintendent	<i>Patricia L. Haney</i>
Logan Township	Gloucester	Janine Wechter	Business Administrator	<i>Janine M. Wechter</i>
Lower Township	Cape May	Jeff Samaniego	Superintendent	Jeff Samaniego
Lumberton	Burlington	Joe Langowski	Superintendent	Joseph Langowski
Manalapan-Englishtown Reg.	Monmouth	John Marciante	Superintendent	<i>John Marciante Ph.D.</i>
Manchester Township	Ocean	Craig Lorentzen	Business Administrator	<i>Craig A. Lorentzen, CPA</i>
Medford Township	Burlington	Joseph DelRossi	Superintendent	<i>Joseph DelRossi</i>
Middle Township	Cape May	David Salvo	Superintendent	<i>Dr. David Salvo</i>
Middletown	Monmouth	William George	Superintendent	<i>William O. George</i>
Middletown	Monmouth	Amy Gallagher	Business Administrator	<i>Amy Gallagher</i>
Neptune	Monmouth	Tami Crader	Superintendent	Tami R. Crader
North Warren	Warren	Sarah Bilotti	Superintendent	<i>Sarah Bilotti</i>
North Warren	Warren	Chris Heagele	Business Administrator	
North Wildwood	Cape May	Chris Armstrong	Superintendent	<i>Christopher Armstrong</i>
Pemberton	Burlington	Tony Trongone	Superintendent	<i>Tony Trongone</i>

Pemberton	Burlington	Dan Smith	Business Administrator	Daniel Smith
Pitman	Gloucester	Patrick McAleer	Superintendent	<i>Patrick McAleer</i>
Pitman	Gloucester	Kelly Brazelton	Business Administrator	See above
Point Pleasant Borough	Ocean	Steven Corso	Business Administrator	Steven Corso
Roosevelt	Monmouth	Mary Robinson Cohen	Superintendent	<i>Mary Robinson Cohen</i>
Roxbury	Morris	Loretta Radulic	Superintendent	<i>Loretta Radulic</i>
Roxbury	Morris	Patricia Wilson	Business Administrator	See above
Shamong	Burlington	Christine Vespe	Superintendent	<i>Christine Vespe</i>
Sandyston-Walpack	Sussex	Jeanne Apryasaz	Superintendent	<i>Jeanne Apryasaz</i>
Shamong	Burlington	Laura Archer	Business Administrator	<i>Laura Archer</i>
Southampton	Burlington	Michael L. Harris	Superintendent	<i>Michael L. Harris</i>
Southampton	Burlington	Casey DeJoseph	Business Administrator	See above
Sparta	Sussex	Michael Rossi	Superintendent	<i>Michael A. Rossi, Jr.</i>
Springfield	Burlington	Craig Vaughn	Superintendent	<i>Craig Vaughn</i>
Stillwater	Sussex	Rene Metzgar	Business Administrator	<i>René Metzgar</i>
Tabernacle	Burlington	Glenn Robbins	Superintendent	<i>Glenn Robbins</i>
Tabernacle	Burlington	Jessica DeWysockie	Business Administrator	<i>Jessica A. DeWysockie</i>
Toms River	Ocean	David Healy	Superintendent	<i>David Healy</i>
Toms River	Ocean	William Doering	Business Administrator	<i>William Doering</i>
Washington Township	Morris	Jeff Mohre	Superintendent	<i>Jeff Mohre</i>
Wenonah	Gloucester	Kristine Height	Superintendent	Kristine Height
Weymouth	Atlantic	John Alfieri	Superintendent	<i>John Alfieri</i>

Wildwood City	Cape May	Kenyon Kummings	Superintendent	<i>[Signature]</i>
Wildwood	Cape May	Martha Jamison	Business Administrator	<i>Martha Jamison</i>
Woodland	Burlington	Misty Weiss George Gahles	Superintendent Business Administrator	<i>Misty Weiss</i> <i>George Gahles</i>
Ocean Township	Ocean County	George Gahles	Business Administrator	<i>George Gahles</i>