

(Letter to Pennsylvania's Elected Officials)

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(Date)

(Your Name)

(Your Address)

Dear *(name of state senator, representative or Gov. Wolf)*:

As you work on the 2020-2021 state budget, I am asking you to fund education at 2019-2020 budget levels and provide school districts their share of federal CARES Act funding.

In Philadelphia, the School District has gone from a position of hard-earned financial stability to one of deep uncertainty with a projected \$60-million local revenue loss this school year and a billion-dollar deficit looming in the next five years, due to the devastating economic consequences of COVID-19. Our students and city have just spent the last decade living the consequences of a state cut to public education funding. Please don't send us backward.

As you consider state budget priorities, please don't balance the state budget at the expense of our children. I ask that you keep Philadelphia public schools whole by preserving state funding at 2019-2020 budget levels and allowing districts to use their federal funding to help alleviate local revenue losses.

This is a vital and invaluable investment in today's students and tomorrow's citizens and leaders of our Commonwealth. Thank you for protecting public education in Pennsylvania.

Best regards,

(Your name)