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Senator Sue Serino
188 State Street Legislative Office Building
Room 613
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Serino:

We know that New York must press for federal aid to states and local school districts, to offset massive revenue losses due to Covid. But that will not be enough. We urge state legislators and the governor to actively seek additional sources of state revenue in order to restore any reductions in state aid for education. Without this aid, shrinking revenues and Covid-related costs will significantly damage school budgets. The loss in resources for students will mean an incalculable loss of opportunity that impacts them for years to come. Please act to minimize the damage to our education system and the detriment to children.

We cite this comment: "This is a potentially devastating development at the exact time when schools need more resources, certainly not less, in order to implement safe reopening strategies." --Robert Schneider, executive director, New York State School Boards Association.

Sincerely,

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