

Nearly One Thousand Sign Petition Calling For Reversal Of Governor's Hunterdon School Aid Cuts

“If the overwhelming response to the on-line petition calling for the Legislature to reverse the Governor’s decision to cut school funding tells us anything, it is that our residents are very concerned about the lack of support for our schools,” Freeholder Deputy Director John E. Lanza reported at the April 16th Freeholder Board meeting.

Lanza stated, “Nearly one thousand Hunterdon County residents have signed the petition, with more joining every day. The legislature can correct this unfair education aid decision in the budget they approve by June 30.”

Nineteen Hunterdon County school districts are scheduled to lose \$2.1 million in education aid under Governor Phil Murphy’s proposed FY 2020 state budget.

Residents can still sign onto the on-line petition here:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eg8utwzxju8p2uzk/a02157jv2etl34/greeting>

Lanza said, “Our plan is to get the petition in the hands of Legislative leaders, Senate President Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Coughlin.

They need to be made fully aware that Hunterdon County taxpayers, parents, and teachers are not sitting still for these state aid reductions, which may force program cuts for school kids and property tax increases.”

Lanza concluded, “I intend to stay on top of this issue and press the legislature for their help.”