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Advocacy Letter to NYS Legislators to Increase Foundation Aid for Riverhead Central School District

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Email/Fax (please feel free to personalize):

Dear (NYS Legislature):

I am a resident of the Riverhead Central School District and call upon our state leaders to reverse the trend that has caused the following school districts to receive the lowest percentage of Foundation Aid from New York State:

- Riverhead Central School District;
- Glen Cove City School District;
- Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District;
- Ossining Union Free School District; and
- Westbury School District

Our districts receive less than 50% of their allocated Foundation Aid based on the formula. Currently, the average Foundation Aid funding level for school districts across the state is approximately 80%.

Since the Foundation Aid Formula was established in 2008, Riverhead has experienced:

- a 22.8% increase in student enrollment
- a 307.9 % increase in the number of English Language Learners

Furthermore, Riverhead serves an ever-increasing number of students who receive free and reduced lunch. The Foundation Aid gap in these districts will continue to grow as their student needs and enrollments increase. We are simply asking that we be funded at the same level as our peers by providing these districts with at least 70% of their fully phased-in amount.

Sincerely,

Name
Address