

Mark your calendars and set your reminders  
to participate in advocacy...

**Blitz Week! March 9-12, 2015**

Ask your colleagues, friends, parents, students and your school community  
to join us. Together, we CAN achieve Fair Funding for Our Schools.

**This packet includes advocacy activities  
EVERYONE can participate in –  
they're fun and *THEY'RE EASY!***





→ Before Blitz Week,  
schedule a meeting with your legislators(s)  
to take place after Blitz Week.

*Contact your legislators – contact info. Is provided!*

■ **Monday, March 9: Email Monday – Email!**

*Send an email to your district's legislators*

■ **Tuesday, March 10: Telephone Tuesday – Call!**

*Call your district's legislators – sample phone script provided*

■ **Wednesday, March 11: Wireless Wednesday – Facebook & Twitter!**

*Facebook & tweet your district's legislators*

■ **Thursday, March 12: Petition Thursday – Online petition!**

*Post and send out this link to an online petition:*

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/fund-education-fairly-and-adequately>



■ **Monday, March 9: Email Monday – Email!**

Send an email to your district’s legislators  
(email addresses follow the sample letter)

EMAIL



**COPY, PASTE, PERSONALIZE & SEND THIS MESSAGE:**

Dear Senator/Assemblyperson,

**We are calling on all legislators to reject Cuomo’s “Reform” Agenda.**

Don’t allow Governor Cuomo to hold hostage educational funding to political agendas. This maneuver is unprecedented, and has been characterized as underhanded and unfair to the children of New York. Not only is this tactic unethical, but it prevents school districts from functioning in a fiscally responsible manner.

The real crisis is that the dollar number being offered to fund education is inadequate. The governor has proposed an increase of \$1.06B in school aid contingent on his “reforms.” The Education Conference Board estimates that the budget increase should be \$1.9B. State Ed believes that the increase should be \$2B.

The governor's proposal includes no mention of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). Ending the GEA would provide funds to make sure all children receive a fair and adequate education. Increasing foundation aid would benefit those students who need it most.

**We are urging you to:**

- release state aid runs immediately
- increase new school aid to \$2.2B
- reject teacher evaluations that are 50% based on testing
- hold charter school cap at its current level
- end the GEA this year

There are an untold numbers of parents, teachers, school board members and community members who are committed to preserving the right of our students to a fair and adequate public education in New York. The governor's reform agenda constitutes an all-out attack on that constitutional right. By withholding and diverting funds from our schools, Cuomo has sent the message that he is not a supporter of public education.

**We are asking you to let him know that he is in the minority.**

Sincerely,

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## Email Addresses:



### NYS Assemblypeople:

- Assemblyman James Skoufis  
[SkoufisJ@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:SkoufisJ@assembly.state.ny.us)
  - (Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Goshen, Highland Falls, Minisink, Monroe-Woodbury, Washingtonville)
  
- Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther  
[GuntheA@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:GuntheA@assembly.state.ny.us)
  - (Districts: Middletown, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manner, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West)
  
- Assemblyman Frank Skartados  
[skartadosF@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:skartadosF@assembly.state.ny.us)
  - (Districts: Newburgh)
  
- Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney  
[tenneyc@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:tenneyc@assembly.state.ny.us)
  - (Districts: Valley Central, Tri-Valley)
  
- Assemblyman Karl Brabenec  
[brabeneck@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:brabeneck@assembly.state.ny.us)
  - (Districts: Minisink, Port Jervis, Monroe, Greenwood Lake, Tuxedo, Warwick)

### NYS Senators:

- Senator William J. Larkin, Jr.  
[larkin@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:larkin@senate.state.ny.us)
  - (Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Highland Falls, Monroe-Woodbury, Newburgh, Valley Central, Washingtonville)
  
- Senator John J. Bonacic  
[bonacic@nysenate.gov](mailto:bonacic@nysenate.gov)
  - (Districts: Florida, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Middletown, Minisink, Pine Bush, Port Jervis, Tuxedo, Warwick, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manner, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West, Tri-Valley)
  
- Senator George Amedore  
[amedore@nysenate.gov](mailto:amedore@nysenate.gov)
  - (Districts: Covers Ulster County, Kingston, Ellenville, New Paltz, Rondout Valley, Wallkill)

## ■ Tuesday, March 10: Telephone Tuesday – Call!

Call your NYS Assemblyperson and your NYS Senator!

### Phone script for Telephone Tuesday:

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm calling to urge you to fully fund public education for NYS public students in the following ways:

- \$2.2 billion in new school aid to fund community schools, engaging curriculum and an end to educational inequality
- Reject teacher evaluations that are 50% based on testing
- Keep charter school cap at its current level.
- End the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) THIS YEAR!

### NYS Assemblypeople:

- Assemblyman James Skoufis - **845-469-6929** / 518-455-5441  
(Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Goshen, Highland Falls, Minisink, Monroe-Woodbury, Washingtonville)
- Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther - **845-342-9304** / 518-455-5355  
(Districts: Middletown, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West)
- Assemblyman Frank Skartados - **845-562-0888** / 518-455-5762  
(Districts: Newburgh)
- Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney - **315-736-3879** / 518-455-5334  
(Districts: Valley Central, Tri-Valley)
- Assemblyman Karl Brabenec – **845-544-7551** / 518-455-5991  
(Districts: Minisink, Port Jervis, Monroe, Greenwood Lake, Tuxedo, Warwick)

### NYS Senators:

- Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. - **845-567-1270** / 518-455-2770  
(Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Highland Falls, Monroe-Woodbury, Newburgh, Valley Central, Washingtonville)
- Senator John J. Bonacic - **845-344-3311** / 518-455-3181  
(Districts: Florida, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Middletown, Minisink, Pine Bush, Port Jervis, Tuxedo, Warwick, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manner, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West, Tri-Valley)
- Senator George Amedore – **845-331-3810** / 518-455-2350  
(Districts: Covers Ulster County, Kingston, Ellenville, New Paltz, Rondout Valley, Wallkill)

■ **Wednesday, March 11:** [Wireless Wednesday](#)  
– Facebook & Twitter!



**Facebook and Twitter** – Post on your district’s legislators’ pages, NY SED page & your school district page:

**The message:**

**“Don’t settle for less than \$2B” #EndtheGEAnow, #CalloutCuomo, #Nostringsattached, #Wecan’twait**

**Legislator Facebook pages:**

**NYS Assemblypeople:**

- Assemblyman James Skoufis  
**Facebook.com/james.skoufis**  
(Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Goshen, Highland Falls, Minisink, Monroe-Woodbury, Washingtonville)
- Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther  
**Facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Aileen-Gunther**  
(Districts: Middletown, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West)
- Assemblyman Frank Skartados  
**Facebook.com/FrankforAssembly**  
(District: Newburgh)
- Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney  
**Facebook.com/AssemblywomanTenney**  
(Districts: Valley Central, Tri-Valley)

**NYS Senators:**

- Senator William J. Larkin, Jr.  
**Facebook.com/pages/Senator-Bill-Larkin**  
(Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Highland Falls, Monroe-Woodbury, Newburgh, Valley Central, Washingtonville)
- Senator John J. Bonacic  
**Facebook.com/pages/Senator-John-J-Bonacic**  
(Districts: Florida, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Middletown, Minisink, Pine Bush, Port Jervis, Tuxedo, Warwick, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manner, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West, Tri-Valley)

## Legislator Twitter accounts:

### NYS Assemblypeople:

- Assemblyman James Skoufis - **@JamesSkoufis**  
(Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Goshen, Highland Falls, Minisink, Monroe-Woodbury, Washingtonville)
- Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther - no active twitter account; tweet to: *@NYSenate*  
(Districts: Middletown, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West)
- Assemblyman Frank Skartados - **@FrankSkartados**  
(District: Newburgh)
- Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney - **@claudiatenney**  
(Districts: Valley Central, Tri-Valley)

### NYS Senators:

- Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. – **@senatorLarkin**  
(Districts: Chester, Cornwall, Highland Falls, Monroe-Woodbury, Newburgh, Valley Central, Washingtonville)
- Senator John J. Bonacic - **@JohnBonacic**  
(Districts: Florida, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Middletown, Minisink, Pine Bush, Port Jervis, Tuxedo, Warwick, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manner, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West, Tri-Valley)

■ **Thursday, March 12: Petition Thursday – Online petition!**

Sign the online petition to end the GEA!

Put the link on your district's website and share it on Facebook. Get your PTAs involved. Get as many signatures as possible on this easy-to-do online petition!

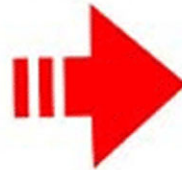
<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/fund-education-fairly-and-adequately>

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