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Senator Patrick Testin
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Dear Senator Testin,

Please support and encourage others in your caucus to support the inclusion of the following items in the 2021-23 biennial budget.

1. Provide a per pupil general revenue increase in each year of the biennium of at least \$200, but preferably \$250.
2. Support the inclusion of comprehensive pupil count mitigation by
 - a. Allowing districts to use the greater of the 2019-20 or 2020-21 pupil count for revenue limit calculations;
 - b. Increasing special adjustment aid from 85% to 90% of prior general aid each year of the biennium;
 - c. Treat non-recurring declining enrollment exemption and base revenue hold harmless as recurring adjustment for one year only.
3. Increase special education aid to 50% of aidable cost by the end of the biennium.
4. Support High-Cost Transportation to lower the aid threshold to 100% of the statewide average cost.

These budget items provide needed support to our district and other districts you represent. Pupil count alone this year accounted for a \$1.1 million declining enrollment exemption, that if not addressed via legislation will have serious consequences to our educational plan. Your support is vital.

Respectfully,

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Director of Business Services

