



BEC ACTION ALERT
3/18/2015

OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS ARE WORKING!

PLEASE CALL THE REPS BELOW TODAY!

- O The House Appropriations Committee has restored the 1.4% inflation factor (\$11.5 million) in their budget.**

By state law, education funding is supposed to adjust for inflation each year, but Gov. Hogan wants to eliminate any adjustment for inflation this year—freezing the per pupil foundation amount at last year's level—and cap inflation at 1% for the following three years.

- O Appropriations has also restored the proposed 50% cut of \$11.5 Geographic Cost of Education Index Funding (GCEI) in their budget.**

Since the cost of education is different across the state, the state provides additional funding through the GCEI to make up the difference for counties where delivering education is more expensive. Gov. Hogan wants to slash GCEI by 50%.

- O Appropriations Chair Maggie McIntosh has found a way to offset the \$13.7 million cut in funding for Baltimore City Schools due to increased “wealth”.**

Maryland's school aid formula reduces funding for districts as their wealth increases, based on property tax assessments. Although Baltimore's property tax assessments have increased, the City still has the second lowest per pupil wealth in the state.

IT'S NOT OVER YET...

Committee and floor votes in both houses must take place before the proposed cuts are restored. We need to keep pressure on Governor Hogan, Senator Edward Kasemeyer, Chair of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and Senate President Mike Miller.

The Senate Budget Committee meets tomorrow...

PLEASE CALL THE FOLLOWING REPS TODAY!

- 1. Call Governor Hogan at (410) 974-3901 and say:**

I am a member of the Baltimore Education Coalition and I urge Governor Hogan to support the House's education budget and release funds for the GCEI.

- 2. Call Senate Budget Chairman Kasemeyer at 410-841-3690 and say:**

I am a member of the Baltimore Education Coalition and I urge the Senate Budget Committee to support the House's decision to restore K-12 education funding.

- 3. Call Senate President Mike Miller at 410-841-3700 and say:**

I am a member of the Baltimore Education Coalition and I urge the Senate Budget committee support the House's decision to restore K-12 education funding.

- 4. Post the following on Twitter and/or Facebook:**

I just called Gov. Hogan, Sen. Kasemeyer & Sen. Miller to #stop35mcut to Baltimore City Schools.

Elected Officials on Twitter

District	Name	Twitter Handle
Governor	Larry Hogan	@LarryHogan
Senate President	Thomas V. "Mike" Miller	
Speaker of the House	Mike Busch	@SpeakerBusch
40	Sen. Catherine Pugh	@SenatorPugh
40	Del. Frank E. Conaway	
40	Del. Antonio Hayes	@CFAntonioHayes
40	Del. Barbara Robinson	
41	Sen. Lisa Gladden	@SenatorGladden
41	Del. Jill P. Carter	@jillpcarter
41	Del. Nathaniel Oaks	
41	Del. Samuel Rosenberg	@delsandy
43	Sen. Joan Carter Conway	@conway_joanEHE
43	Del. Curt Anderson	@CurtAnderson43
43	Del. Maggie McIntosh	@DelMaggie43
43	Del. Mary Washington	@DelMaryW
44	Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam	@NathanPulliam
44A	Del. Keith Haynes	@DelegateHaynes
45	Sen. Nathaniel McFadden	
45	Del. Talmadge Branch	@WhipTBranch
45	Del. Cheryl D. Glenn	
45	Del. Cory McCray	@corymccray
46	Sen. Bill Ferguson	@SenBillFerg
46	Del. Luke Clippinger	@lukeclippinger
46	Del. Peter Hammen	
46	Del. Brooke Lierman	@BELBaltimore

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#stop35mcut
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 #DontShortchangeMD
 #HowManyTeachers

EXTRA HANDLES

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 @MayorSRB
 @becforourkids
 @baltimoresun