

Recipient: State Sen. Elizabeth Little, State Rep. Daniel Stec, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo

Letter: Greetings,

We, the undersigned citizens of Minerva, NY, and supporters of the Minerva Community urge you to end the GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT and restore

education aid to schools in the 2014-2015 state budget.

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Charles Barber	Minerva, NY	2014-02-06	My student's education is paramount. Please restore our funding.
Keith Tucker	Minerva, NY	2014-02-06	We need fair funding, our kids are our future.
Sue Montgomery Corey	Minerva, NY	2014-02-06	MCS is the heart of our community. It is a great little school and we need to keep it that way.
Maggie Eager	Denver, CO	2014-02-07	I grew up in Minerva with amazing school programs that would not have been possible without funding from the state
Jamie Davie	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-07	We are a small school and every bit of money is needed5 years ago they wanted to decrease the amount of money we got to balance the budgetand said it would only be for that yearIt's still happeningbut it can't keep happening because the little schools are suffering.
Paul Cleveland	Lake Pleasant, NY	2014-02-07	My nephews go to Minerva Central School.
McKenna Kelly	Minerva, NY	2014-02-07	I graduated from Minerva Central School and want my alma mater to do the best by its students.
roger kelly	Minerva, NY	2014-02-07	this is important because there are three public institutions you never take money from. the fire department, the EMT's, and THE SCHOOLS
Robert Kirker	Queensbury, NY	2014-02-07	Don't balance the budget on the backs of our kids.
Brandon Dunbar	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-07	I graduated from there
Janet Meyers	New Hartford, NY	2014-02-07	Our schools, students and communities should not have to continuallyl suffer because of lack of funds. And I dont even understand how there could be such problems because I thought when they created all the lotteries, half was to designated to education. Where does it go?
Sharon Stone	Minerva, NY	2014-02-07	Rural students deserve a quality edcuation. Communities need their shools to stay viable.
Matthew Kelly	Minerva, NY	2014-02-07	This was my school and then my childrens school, I want it to be there for my grandchildren
Mike Corey	Minerva, NY	2014-02-07	It is time to restore. The GEA was not a well thought-out idea to begin with.
Dan Berggren	Ballston Spa, NY	2014-02-07	I'm proud of my alma mater and want it to be able to do the best it can for students and the community.
Samuel Kelly	rochester, NY	2014-02-07	The school holds the community together
Alicia O'Dell	North Creek, NY	2014-02-07	My children may soon be attending Minerva school. I want them to have the best education possible and cutting funding for important programs doesn't allow that .
JAMES P MCGUIRE	walterboro, SC	2014-02-07	My sister teaches here; nephew and niece graduated here. In SC we have same problems for rural school districts, per pupil expenditures are not even close to big districts and students are getting shortchanged!
Kevin Stockman	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-07	In a day and age when we need to be expanding student opportunities, these cuts in state aid to schools are reducing those opportunities through having to cut staff and programming. If we are to provide it we need fair funding. Continued cuts could force us into insolvency and then that wouldn't be fair to the students!
MARION T MCGUIRE	SLINGERLANDS, NY	2014-02-07	EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GOOD EDUCATIONWHATEVER HAPPENED TO "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND"
Rhea Vogel	Minerva, NY	2014-02-07	This is my community and my children's education.

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MARY IRENE LEE	MINERVA, NY	2014-02-07	THE EDUCATION OF THE YOUTH IN OUR TOWN OF MINERVA, IS THE MANNER OF SURVIVAL AND WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY. OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET. IT IS OUR DUTY, AS CITIZENS ,TO GUARANTEE EVERY CHILD IN OUR SCHOOL A QUALITY EDUCATION, AND TO FIGHT FOR THAT PRIVILEGE ON THEIR BEHALF. WHETHER WE HAVE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL OR NOT, WE ALL BENEFIT FROM A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUTH.
Mary Hall	Tupper Lake, NY	2014-02-08	I am an alumni of Minerva Central, lived in Newcomb for 26 years, taught in Long Lake for 34 years and have lived in Tupper Lake since 2001. I have seen the results of these small schools, always above the state averages no matter what the budget did. These days it seems like we are going backward. Schools are being driven by more and more requirements, common core, etc. and are being asked to meet these state ordered requirements on less and less money. It's time to get real! The future of our kids depends on it. If you want well educated students provide the means to get them there. If you care about the future of this countrylook at the students you are preparing and give them the very bestthe time is NOW! Education needs your support. Tax payers are already stretched too thin the burden has to be shared more equitably.
Lisa Fabin	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-08	It's the right thing to do for our future!
Lynn Green	Minerva, NY	2014-02-08	why should the kids lose so much. Our community pays for the lack of funding in times that they can't afford to pay more. Be fair to all!
isabel dunbar	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-08	I grew up here. And the education of my neighbors and family are important.
Marnie Mextorf	Charlottesville, VA	2014-02-08	My sister's children attend school in Minerva, NY
Mary Verderber	Minerva, NY	2014-02-08	All children need a chance for the best possible education. We need them to save our world.
Sarah Taylor	Olmsteadville, NY	2014-02-08	Supporting the interests our towns children. I have two children currently attending Minerva Central School
Randy Burlingame	Massena, NY	2014-02-09	It is time that Governor Cuomo and state legislators become the advocates for education that they claim to be! Restore school aid due New York's students now!
Michael O'Brien	Olmsetdville, NY	2014-02-11	Without the required aid to support the optional programs the current generation of students will miss out on the opportunity to find their passion.
Nancy O'Brien	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-11	Our children need it!!!
Ellen Brannon	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-11	Our children and their future
Toni Dunbar	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-12	I support MCS they were what formed me into the student i am today. So having more funding will give a chance to help form other students
Serena Ruzbacki	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-12	Because the current and future students of Minerva Central School deserve to have equal quality education as I had.
Michele Barber	Minerva, NY	2014-02-13	I'm concerned that the State is not funding our school as they are required to do.
Sydney Barber	Minerva, NY	2014-02-13	My education has already been adversely affected by the cuts under this unjust program. Please pay your court ordered school aid and stop withholding our school's funding.
christopher bennett	olmstedville, NY	2014-02-13	because kids today have been screwed over by new york state and it needs to stop

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Christine Campeau	Long Lake, NY	2014-02-13	I am a BOE member for Long Lake Central School. We cannot not continue to cut our budgets, and we cannot keep going to the tax payers. We need state help, our students deserve it.
kathy Feiden	Athol, NY	2014-02-14	My daughter is a student of Minerva Central School. MCS is one of the few schools still out there that truly do care about each and every one of their students. They do a lot with very little but there is a line that needs to be drawn -especially in this day and age where our governor is expecting more and more out of school districts; MCS already does these things, do not make them another statistic of failing schools.
Mark Sullivan	Queenbury, NY	2014-02-14	Every school and every child deserves equal funding!
Patricia Gonyo	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-14	All our children deserve the best education possible.
Anne Dunkley	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-15	Important to maintain the nigh quality of education at MCS
Kelly Palmer	Glens Falls, NY	2014-02-15	I am a retired teacher and education is extremely important for this country.
Billie Unkauf	Queensbury, NY	2014-02-17	I graduated from Minerva and believe it is important that our government support these small communities as much as the large communities in our state. They may not be able to make as much noise as bigger communities, but as Governor Cumo found last year, the Adirondacks are special; year round they offer unique experiences . Without schools providing quality education, these towns will fade away as young families leave, and the Adirondacks will lose part of what makes this area unique.
Luke Dague	Minerva, NY	2014-02-19	My child will be going to school soon i want her to have the best Education she can get
annie bulmer	Chestertown, NY	2014-02-25	this schoolo is 2 miles from my home and attended by the children of many friends and family, they need all the help they can get.
Bryan Bee	Schenectady, NY	2014-02-25	Minerva Central School is one of the pillars of the Minerva community. This school provides the opportunities, materials, and staff to educate these kids. The people in this community care deeply for the school, especially in a rural area that doesn't have all the opportunities of a larger suburban district. Unless the GEA is eliminated, Minerva (and many, many other schools like it) will be forced to cut back even further, which will only hurt our students. With the concerns of educating our students to new, tougher standards, schools can't afford to lose any money. As is stands right now, schools are finding it nearly impossible to provide a full, well-rounded education for their students. We need relief from the fiscal stress, in order to properly do the job that we are intended to do. Teachers have been doing more things with fewer materials, but that is not a sign of success or good fiscal responsibility. It's done only out of the necessity of our situation. Governor Cuomo, Local legislators, it's your responsibility to properly fund our schools. New York cannot claim to have a surplus unless our schools (and other essential public programs) are 100% funded.
kristine perryman	wevertown, NY	2014-02-25	Minerva Central School is small but unique. Each student is valued and encouraged to be the very best that they can be. The school is now and always has been an integral part of the community and vice versa.
Patricia Sullivan	Minerva, NY	2014-02-26	Education of Children and jobs for educators
Rosalie Frettoloso	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-26	We have a wonderful school with caring educators. Lets keep what we have; we know it works.

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Mark Anderson	Minerva, NY	2014-02-26	Our family is a part of the Minerva family. We are 100% committed in favor of ending this punitive GAP legislation
Jennifer Wamsley	Olmstedville, NY	2014-02-26	I don't want my child to miss out on any opportunity because there is no funding.
Carrietta Crosbie	Osceola, IN	2014-02-27	MCS graduate, class 1990
Mary Glickman	Orono, ME	2014-02-28	I went to MCS and I hate seeing the cuts to education that are occurring now. Small schools are already at limited in terms of the ability to provide a broad education. But cuts to music, PE, language and other programs puts these kids at an even greater disadvantage.
Heather Fair-Sears	queensbury, NY	2014-02-28	These are our children. Why isn't it important to everyone?
Jon Davis	Blue Mountain Lake, NY	2014-02-28	Quality education for our children is critical to our nations' future. It is time to STOP pulling the rug out from under our kids and START providing them the resources they need to learn the arts & sciences, learn how to think critically and become competitive academically with students from other countries around the world.
Benjamin hall	Herkimer, NY	2014-03-05	Minerva central school changed my entire life, the programs, the school district. It doesn't deserve to be undermined. Education first!
Rebecca Wade	Olmstedville, NY	2014-03-05	Our local school belongs to the community. I do not approve of the state government's interference in our ability to educate our children.
Tessa Merrell	vernon, NY	2014-03-05	My best friend used to go to this high school. Anything he finds important and self-fulfilling, I stand by him through in through no matter what.
Russell Leigh	Queensbury, NY	2014-03-07	I have family that lives in Minerva
Tim Fabin	Olmstedville, NY	2014-03-12	It's the right thing to do!
Barbara Cummings	Schenectady, NY	2014-03-17	Teachers and students are at risk!!
linda kirker	queensbury, NY	2014-03-17	Many family members are in education and they are about to loose their jobs!!!!!!!!
John Cummings	Schenectady, NY	2014-03-17	We need to stop short changing our schools!
Kylie Dimick	Minerva, NY	2014-03-18	It's sad enough when you hear that your school is in danger of suffering budget cuts on many of our extra curricular activities. It's heartbreaking when you hear that your school is in danger of being shut down all together Although I graduate in one year and this may not affect me, Minerva Central is a big part of out community.
Jonathan Short	Gansevoort, NY	2014-03-19	Our schools are necessary in developing our future.
Kathryn King	Hyde Park, NY	2014-03-19	My sister and her husband have a home up in Minerva, and I think schools and children are the future of any community to thrive.
Kathleen Carroll	Albany, NE	2014-03-20	My children need their education!
Mellissa Mulvey	Bakers Mills, NY	2014-03-20	I am a prek-12 music teacher in a small school and mother of children who are in school. It is incredibly important that aid is restored so that my students and children can continue to receive the well rounded education they deserve.
Michelle Spellacy	Lake Luzerne, NY	2014-03-20	Our future as a country and a people depends on the education of our children.
Kaleb Stockman	Queensbury, NY	2014-03-20	Somebody supported your education, now support ours!
Niko Stockman	Queensbury, NY	2014-03-20	Start adequately funding our education that you require us to get!
Sharon Stockman	QBY, NY	2014-03-20	I need this school to stay open .If my Husband loses his job we will lose everthing.I am disabled and cant work and have a child with many learning disabilities . Fund the schools so the Teacherswont lose everything they have devoted there lives to doesn't get thrown away!!

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Donald Stockman	Queensbury, NY	2014-03-20	Today's kids need a quality education, not school budget cuts that jeopardize the quality of their education.
Shirley Stockman	Queensbury, NY	2014-03-20	Properly fund what matters most: properly educating the next generation. Today's students need to be invested in, not scapegoated for poor state money management. Let's see the government try to do more with less like it expects schools to do.
karissa w	olmstedville, NY	2014-03-21	I've gone to Minerva central school since kindergarten. I love the school. I grew up there, and it broke my heart when I heard about the possibility of the school being shut down. I might be graduating next year, but I'd hate to see the school go in sake of all the classes below me.
Patricia Warrington	Olmstedville, NY	2014-03-21	The Tax payers can not afford any more tax increaseshow about sending some of all the lottery revenues to all the small schools !!!!!
Eleanor Yandon	Newcomb, NY	2014-03-21	I am on the NCS BOE, and know the turmoil trying to create a budget is causing all members of the community.
Art Perryman II	Johnsburg, NY	2014-03-21	The school is the community and loss of funding would extremely damaging.
ronald marczyk	Highland Mills ,NY, AL	2014-03-21	Education is the best investment we can make in our world. Every child should have the same opportunity to get a world-class education.
Robert Lamb	Lake George, NY	2014-03-21	It's important because too many teachers are losing their jobs because of the lack of funding by the state, that was supposed to be restored after the budget was "fixed".