

David A. Paterson
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson,

I am writing you today to strongly encourage you to rethink your proposed budget cut to higher education of \$62 million and to statewide school districts of \$480 million. As a SUNY Cortland student and a future elementary teacher this budget cut will affect my fellow peers and future students in my classroom.

I pay for my education with full financial aid and loans. Even at a SUNY school I will still graduate with over \$40,000 in debt. One of the great features of a state school is the fact that it cost less to go to. With higher education receiving budget cuts, it is making it harder for the price to stay down. Classes are being cut to help make up for the money lost.

A budget cut would make it harder for all students to graduate on time, and in return costing them more money. I have been told that higher education is the way to a better future. I ask you to strongly rethink your decision to cut the budget on so many students future.

As a future teacher I know the struggles schools face when it comes to their budget every year. Cutting statewide school districts budgets would make these struggles worse. Our youth is the future of our nation, therefore education should be the last item cut when it comes to the budget. Teachers are working with less every year. It is time for teachers to be able to give students the best education possible.

Education is the most important aspect to a person's future. Cutting the budget for both higher education and statewide school districts would be a huge mistake. Again. I ask you to rethink your decision.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and think about my suggestion to not cut the education budget.

Sincerely,

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