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Dear Governor Cuomo:

At a time when the challenges of funding education in this state have never been greater, and school districts all across this state have committed themselves to reform by investing countless hours in developing and submitting teacher evaluation plans, I believe that these schools that have done their work and met all required deadlines should be rewarded for their efforts.

Districts have been told for months that failure to file by this deadline could lead to the revocation of millions of dollars in state aid. At a time when we in Albany are requiring responsible action on the part of all branches of government to use existing resources to the fullest, I believe that money in aid that would have gone to districts that failed to meet the deadline should be reallocated and sent to the many schools – some very small with minimal administrative staffing – that rose to the challenge.

I believe that such a step will encourage future cooperation with state reform efforts and also support teachers, administrators and students in districts that are working hard to move forward, and not resisting change.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Joseph A. Griffo".

Joseph A. Griffo  
Senator