

The ETA would like to share information with all of you today as we seek your assistance and effort to advocate for additional school aid for Eden at the State level.

The Governor's proposed Budget, which came out a few weeks ago, does little to help Eden. Since 2007-2008, Eden has lost millions of dollars in foundation aid because it was not provided as it should have been. Accounting for the smaller-than-expected amount of Aid that has been proposed by the Governor for the 2017-2018 Budget, Eden is currently left with a SUBSTANTIAL budget gap for next school year.

This is not acceptable and we are writing to implore you to help us take a stand for what we believe is right for our students, staff and district.

Last week, a number of area Superintendents sent a letter to State delegates in hopes that WNY schools will receive more foundation aid when the final Budget comes out on or around April 1, 2017.

We have included the contact information below for Eden's state Assemblyman David DiPietro and State Senator Patrick Gallivan.

Please join us in advocating for additional funding for Eden. It would be especially helpful if each of us contacted our State representatives to encourage the additional aid so that we are able to sustain the valuable programs that we have worked hard to implement in the last few years and that we hope to expand in years to come.

Our hope is that together, with support from each of you, we are able to continue to make the Eden Central School District better each year by providing the highest quality education possible through rich teaching and learning opportunities for all of our learners.

Thank you so much for your time, help and advocacy.

With much appreciation,

Eden Teachers Association

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