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Dear Community Member,

It is time to act together on October 25th!

Public education is under attack. Aid to school districts has been cut, class sizes have grown, school buildings have been closed, and schools have cut many courses and programs. Statewide, more than 30,000 educators and school related professionals have been cut from our schools.

New York State policies are the causes of the unfolding education crisis. The State has significantly reduced its role in funding our schools and passed the burden on to local communities. State funding for schools is now below what it was 4 years ago and this does not even account for inflation. Long Island schools alone have lost \$715 million in aid in just the last three years. The combination of reduced state aid and the cap on local funding through property taxes will force schools to continue cutting the quality of education. We need your participation in the coming weeks to show New York's elected officials that we have had enough attacks on public education.

Our organization has recently joined **EDUCATE NY NOW**, a coalition which is seeking to unify parents, students, educators, administrators, unions, school board members, community organizations, civil rights groups, education advocates and others statewide around a broad-based campaign to demand that our state government fulfills New York's constitutional obligation to **provide all students with a quality education.**

With the help of **EDUCATE NY NOW** we will be holding the following event:

“Stop the Cap, Close the Gap!”
Solidarity Event on Thursday, October 25th
at the following locations:

**Ronkonkoma Middle School and Oakdale Bohemia
Middle School at 2:35 pm**

**Sycamore Elementary and Slocum Elementary Schools
at 4:00 pm**

**The goal of this event is to build awareness of the adverse effects NY
policy has had on its students.**

Thank you in advance for supporting your community and our students' education.

In solidarity,

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