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Senator Tom D. Croci
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Albany, New York 12247

Dear Senator Croci:

The New York State budget deadline is quickly approaching. In reviewing the 2016-2017 summary of the New York State One-House budget bills, numerous questions have arisen as to your personal stance on educational issues. The Connetquot Teachers Association is requesting that you provide us with a response to the following questions:

- What is your stance on forming a pre-Constitution Convention commission?
- What is your reasoning for rejecting funding for a pre-K expansion for three year olds?
- Are you in support of the resolution that calls for \$1.66 billion collectively for foundation aid?
- Are you in favor of repealing the punitive receivership law or, at the very least, delaying an outside receiver until one year after the school receives the necessary funding from the state AND after the status has been reviewed by SED?
- Are you in support of fully funding teacher centers to the 2008-2009 levels in order to provide continued and increased quality professional development opportunities?
- Are you in favor of doubling the executive budget for charter schools? If so, why?
- Are you in support of hiring uncertified teachers in charter schools?
- Would you be in support of any type of charter accountability or transparency language in the budget?
- Are you in support of decoupling APPR transition and plan approval from foundation aid?

- Are you in support to make the tax cap permanent?
- Do you accept the proposal for waivers from special education mandates as the senate does?
- Where do you stand on the governor's proposed changes to the Freedom of Information Law that would require terms of a public sector Collective Bargaining Agreement be released to public prior to the ratification of the agreement?

The Association hopes that you would agree that the education of our public school children is an extremely important issue. The Association looks forward to your timely response to these questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Felicio, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tony Felicio, Jr.

cc: CTA Membership
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