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*Superintendent*

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Office of Governor Rick Scott  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

On behalf of myself and the School Board, we want to recognize and thank you for the significant and important work that you do representing our public schools and our citizens. We have previously expressed our support to you and your staff for your budget proposal. However, we do have a major concern with the proposed FEFP funding and policies created as the result of omnibus bills.

Below is a brief funding summary based on a preliminary analysis.

Approximate FRS Employer Contribution Increase	\$132,000
Approximate Decrease in Supplemental Academic Instruction	88,500
Decrease in FEFP Funding based on the 2017/18 Forecast	<u>243,088</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$463,588</u></b>

We realize that this is not a significant amount compared to larger school districts but it represents 29% of our 2015/16 assigned and unassigned fund balance. This kind of decrease will have significant impacts on services to students and jobs to our citizens. We urge you to consider the impact of this budget on schools and citizens in our state.

Omnibus bills are contrary to the very notion of government of the people, for the people, and by the people. They are steeped in special interest and vetted behind closed doors. Any bill worthy of making it to our Florida Statutes should be able to stand on its own legs. During your tenure as Governor you have been consistent in striking proposals that have bypassed the sunshine of the legislative process.

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We ask that you consider the impact the proposed budget will have on our schools and communities and we also ask that you strike not only HB 7069 but any other proposal that cannot pass the House and Senate as an individual bill or budget item.

Sincerely,

Jeffery R. Edison, Superintendent  
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