

March 25, 2010

Dear Parents,

## **Senate Democrats Propose Cuts to Catholic Schools**

### **URGENT Calls and E-Mails Needed Immediately!**

State lawmakers in Albany are trying to enact a state budget in the coming days in order to meet the March 31 deadline. The Senate and Assembly have staked out their respective positions on the state budget relative to the Governor's proposals - and immediate action is needed to stop the proposed cuts to Catholic Schools. To our shock and surprise, the Senate Democrats propose to increase the cut to Comprehensive Attendance Policy (CAP) reimbursement from \$1.5 million to \$4.5 million - thus tripling the 5 percent cut proposed by the Governor to 15 percent. Moreover, the Senate Democrats propose to eliminate the CAP program entirely - thus cutting off \$55 million in future years' budgets. Contrary to the approach of the Senate Democrats, the Assembly leadership accepts the Governor's recommended \$1.5 million cut to CAP. Thankfully, not only does the Assembly maintain the CAP program, they also propose to reimburse religious and independent schools in the 12 counties in and around New York City for the \$6 million cost of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) payroll tax imposed on our schools in that area. **Your calls and e-mails are needed urgently and immediately to stop these proposed cuts to Catholic schools.**

If you know who your state representatives in Albany are, please call the **Assembly switchboard** at 518-455-4100 and the **Senate switchboard** at 518-455-2800 and ask to be connected to their offices. **Call the Governor's office** at 518-474-8390. **Please call each of them today and say the following:**

- 1) I'm calling to strongly oppose the cuts to CAP reimbursement and the elimination of the CAP program.**
- 2) As you did for public schools, reimburse our schools for the \$6 million cost of the MTA Payroll Tax.**
- 3) Treat all schools fairly. If you restore cuts to public schools, then restore our cuts as well.**
- 4) The parents, students and teachers of Catholic schools are counting on you.**

Your calls and e-mails are needed immediately. Please don't hesitate. Call today and as many times as you can until the budget is enacted.

In addition to calling your Albany representatives, please click [here](#) to send a pre-written message to your lawmakers today. **Take action now by both calling and e-mailing your state representatives.**

Sincerely yours,

Joseph T. Troy  
President/Principal