

# *Sachem Central School District*

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TO: Sachem Community

FROM: James J. Nolan  
Superintendent

RE: School Aid

DATE: February 6, 2013

As you are probably aware, the New York State School Aid figures were received by Sachem from Governor Cuomo. At this time, Sachem stands to lose \$2,000,000 in state aid. As you can imagine, this is devastating news to all of us.

Governor Cuomo and our state legislators have asked that we be fiscally sensitive to our tax payers. During the past five years, the average annual tax levy increase for the Sachem residents has been less than 1%. This has been during a time where we have experienced our worst economic and financial conditions in the past few decades. We have maintained all programs in Sachem Schools by utilizing existing reserves.

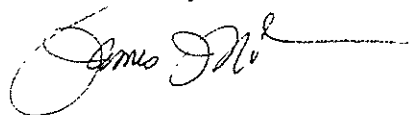
As of June 30, 2012, we have approximately \$550,000 in unassigned reserves. We have been responsive to the taxpayers needs while mindful of the educational programs within Sachem Schools. We can no longer rely on reserves while maintaining the programs which our children currently enjoy and we wish to maintain this high level of educational excellence to the Sachem community for the foreseeable future.

At this time, we are asking you, the Sachem Community, to appeal to the Governor and all elected officials asking them to restore aid to Sachem. Attached you will find contact information for our elected officials.

It is important in your appeal that you remain positive in asking for assistance and not confrontational or accusatory.

Please take the time to write a letter and express your concern for our district.

Thank you,



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