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The Hon. Dean G. Skelos
Temporary President and Majority Leader
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Albany, NY 12247

Dear President Skelos:

As colleagues who represent the City of Rochester, we respectfully seek your help to ensure that the 2015-16 budget adequately funds the needs of Rochester students. Specifically, we are requesting \$36 million to address the Rochester City School District's budget challenge and \$1.2 million in annual funding for school nurses.

Under Superintendent Bolgen Vargas, the District has implemented a five-year Action Plan to improve student achievement that is beginning to show significant progress. We are confident that the District is moving in the right direction under the educational and financial leadership of Dr. Vargas, and we urge you to support his funding request on behalf of Rochester students.

Attached, please find a letter from the Superintendent outlining the District's planned use of state funds. We also are attaching a copy of the Action Plan that describes the priorities, strategies and measures on which the City School District is focused to help Rochester children succeed.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joseph E. Robach in black ink.

Senator Joseph E. Robach

Handwritten signature of Michael H. Ranzenhofer in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Rich Funke in black ink.

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