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Our Children/Our Schools

Please meet us at the Richard Hughes Justice Complex (State Supreme Court) at 9 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

A public rally for all education advocates will be held then followed by closing arguments in the courts by the New Jersey Supreme Court Justices. Winning for ABBOTT school districts is a win for all of the state's districts this time, since the SFRA (new School Funding Formula) lowers the per capita expenditures to our schoolchildren, statewide, from an average \$12,000 down to \$9,000.

Should your non-Abbott district seek to include all of its regular education programs and extracurriculars in their budget, then the burden will be on your town or your city to raise the difference in local property taxes.

You should pass this message on to all who believe that somehow poor districts have robbed them and to those who feel mistakenly that the new formula helps our schoolchildren and would have the money follow the child (it does not).

Monies from the state to the schools will go to their school districts "in a pot" (quoted from Commissioner Lucille Davy) and the designation of those funds will be left up to the local school administration.

I'll see you at the rally on Tuesday and then, on to the courts. There will be a room where you may observe the oral arguments in the courts if the actual seating in the courts is full on Tuesday.

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