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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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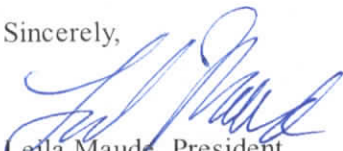
Dear Governor Cuomo:

On behalf of the Board of Education of the Scarsdale Union Free School District, I write to you as you begin discussions with Assembly and Senate leadership following the two chambers' adoptions of their respective one-house budget plans.

We support the Assembly budget allocation of \$26.5 billion in school aid, entailing an increase of \$1.8 billion over the 2016-17 school year. We think it is particularly important that the Assembly proposal would increase Foundation Aid to \$17.8 billion for the 2017-18 school year, i.e. an increase of \$1.4 billion. We note that the proposed Foundation Aid increase is similar to that recommended by the Board of Regents last December; indeed, as you know, the Regents recommended a substantially greater overall education aid package. We observe that the Senate one-house also called for a substantial increase in Foundation Aid beyond your initial proposal.

We look to you, Governor Cuomo, to provide needed leadership to support efforts in public education in Scarsdale and across New York State. We urge you to accept the Assembly's education aid allocation in your discussions to finalize the 17-18 Budget.

Sincerely,



Leila Maude, President

On Behalf of the Scarsdale Union Free School District Board of Education