

# URGENT: TAKE ACTION TODAY! BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

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## THE SITUATION IS REAL!

On Thursday, March 25, 2020 the RCSD presented their draft budget that includes drastic cuts to critical services for students and families including deep cuts in special ed, bilingual education and \$7 million worth of staff reductions.

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## WE MUST ACT NOW!

Due to the growing **COVID19 pandemic**, a much needed \$35 million-dollar advance in state aid to close a deficit in the current year budget is **AT RISK!** **Without this \$35 Million, even more programs and staff will be lost!**

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## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need you to call **State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins** and **State Senate Education Committee Chair Shelley Mayer** and deliver an **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** and **TIMELY** message to keep this funding!

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## WHO TO CALL RIGHT AWAY!

- **NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins here:** (914) 423-4031
- **NYS Senate Education Chair Shelley Mayer here:** (914)-934-5250

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## WHAT TO SAY?

"Hi, my name is [SAY YOUR NAME]. As a member of the Rochester community and a strong supporter of the Rochester City School District, I ask that in this state budget, you provide the district with \$35 million in funding to help close their budget deficit this year. We are still trying to recover from mid-year cuts and layoffs. This funding is necessary to minimize cuts at a time when our students and families need our schools the most. I also ask that the much-needed fiscal monitor for the Rochester City School District be appointed by a neutral party such as the Commissioner of the State Education Department, as opposed to a stakeholder in this process such as the Mayor of the City of Rochester". **[Leave a message if no one answers. We anticipate a lot of voicemails, for this reason call at any time.]**

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

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