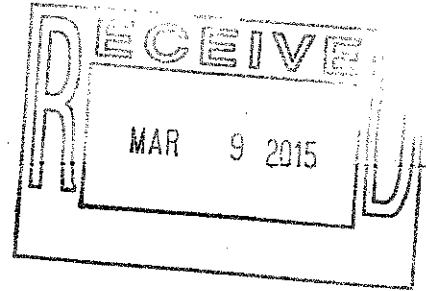




Senate of Pennsylvania

March 4, 2015

Mr. Hervey P. Hann
Superintendent
Southern Fulton School District
3072 Great Cove Road
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Warfordsburg, PA 17267



Dear Superintendent:

As you know, earlier this week Governor Tom Wolf unveiled his FY 2015-16 proposed state budget. Given the extraordinary level of spending increases proposed in the Governor's overall plan, we encourage you to take a conservative approach to your state revenue estimates and advise against adjusting your school district's preliminary budget to reflect his education proposal.

Education funding is a significant priority in each year's budget; however, it must be put in the context of the overall budget picture, both in terms of expenditures and revenues. The proposed budget recommends a \$400 million increase in the basic education subsidy while the overall budget includes historic revenue and spending escalations that necessitate \$4.7 billion in tax increases that are unsupported throughout the General Assembly.


We recognize the difficult task school administrators have in making decisions about anticipated revenue from the Commonwealth given that the full extent of the Governor's proposed increases may not be contained in the Commonwealth's final budget. The Senate remains committed to addressing the underlying fiscal cost drivers of school districts, most importantly pension reform.

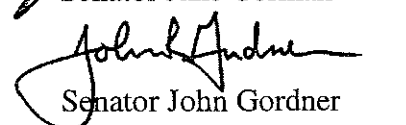
Thank you for your attention to this matter. As the critical work of ensuring the overall financial stability of the Commonwealth continues, know that we will advocate for education funding to be a priority during budget conversations.

Sincerely,


Senator Joe Scarnati


Senator Pat Browne


Senator Jake Corman


Senator John Gordner