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Senator John Gordner
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Gentleman,

I appreciate the letter you sent me and the call I received from my Representative indicating we should not put Governor Wolf's proposal into our budget. As a Superintendent I have never put a Governor's proposal into my budget until the State budget has been passed.

Please understand I am a registered Republican however, I would never again vote for past Governor Corbett for any office he would choose to run for. I find it appalling that the Governor and Legislature continuously hammer on districts concerning budgetary reserve when last year the Legislature was able to grow their reserves by 7.8 million while still not funding schools at an appropriate level.

I fully support Governor Wolf's proposed budget. It is also important to note I support Governor Wolf's proposal to eliminate property tax by increasing the State income tax. This is a much fairer tax simply because it is taxing those that earn an income. Furthermore I enthusiastically support Governor Wolf's proposal regarding a flat fee for charter schools especially cyber charter schools because some are run by for-profit organizations. I think it is a real crime for any government to allow for profit organizations to earn profits on the backs of tax payers. When you look at scores for cyber chart schools just about every one of them is failing according to the standards you have set for schools. In cases like this with a regular district there is intervention and yet the cyber charters are able to continue to flourish without any intervention.

I do not support the bill started in the Legislature that will have cyber charts paid directly by the State because you then will be able to greatly reduce the pot for-public schools and will decide to spend whatever amount you wish on the for-profit cyber charter schools. I do not view this as being very ethical.

Again thank you for your letter and I would be more than willing to discuss any issues with you in person if you like.

Sincerely,

Hervey P. Hann
Superintendent