

An Open Letter

To The Governor Of New York State

The Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12200

Dear Governor Rockefeller:

Reports have reached Andover that little, if any, increase in state aid to education is forthcoming in the present session of the legislature. This comes as a great shock because educational leaders have been told that there was an excellent chance that at least a 5.5 per cent increase was possible for the 1973-74 school year.

The above prompts the following questions:

1. With an anticipated surplus in the state budget, isn't additional aid to education overdue after three years without an increase?
2. Why has the state's share of educational costs continued to decrease?
3. Why has no action taken place to implement recommendation of the million dollar Fleishmann Report?
4. What is being done about the recommendations of the Board of Regents and the educational Conference Board?
5. How can schools cope with spiraling inflation without a helping hand from the state?
6. Does the Executive Branch feel that the burden of school financing should shift from the state to the local level?

Answers to the above questions should be made public because with little or no increase in state aid, school districts must raise local taxes drastically or eliminate essential educational programs.

Respectfully yours,

Andover Central School
Board of Education