

NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES
SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM INITIATIVE
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

I, _____, MAYOR
(PRINT NAME)
OF _____ IN THE COUNTY
OF _____ BY THIS STATEMENT, SUPPORT THE NEW
JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES PROPERTY TAX REFORM
CONCEPT PUT FORTH BY ITS AD HOC MAYOR'S TASK FORCE FOR
SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM COMMITTEE. THE CONCEPT OF REMOVING
EDUCATIONAL FUNDING COMPLETELY FROM THE PROPERTY TAX AND
REALLOCATING THOSE COSTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE
CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OF PROVIDING A THOROUGH AND
EFFICIENT EDUCATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA OTHER STATE
REVENUE SOURCES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NJ STATE
GOVERNMENT. THIS REALLOCATION OF FUNDING WILL RESULT IN
REDUCING PROPERTY TAXES BY 50 TO 60% IN MOST CASES AND
ELIMINATE A REGRESSIVE COMPONENT OF THE PROPERTY TAX THAT
HAS UNFAIRLY IMPACTED SO MANY OF OUR NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS. I
ALSO SUPPORT THE COST PER PUPIL METHODOLOGY PROPOSED BY
THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDING AS A
MEANS TO MORE ACCURATELY QUANTIFY THE COST OF EDUCATION
IN NEW JERSEY AND SUPPORT ITS USE AS A MECHANISM TO ACHIEVE
SOUND EDUCATIONAL FUNDING.

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(DATE)