



Education funding cut wouldn't help economy

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Nearly half of [Pennsylvania](#)'s school districts have indicated that their revenues are below budget, and 60 percent are already tapping into reserve funds to offset deficits this year. A Senate budget cut of \$711 million from the governor's budget proposal would force school districts to raise local property taxes or cut valuable school programs or both.

This is unnecessary when federal stimulus funds can be used to support public schools by sustaining the implementation of the fair and predictable funding formula adopted last year.

A November 2007 study conducted by the General Assembly showed that Pennsylvania public schools are under-funded by \$4.3 billion. We need to let our legislators know not to abandon the efforts begun last year to provide our students with the resources they need to prepare students for college and the work force.

Cutting education funds and programs and forcing more property tax increases is not the way to help our economy recover from this recession.

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