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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the upcoming weeks, the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District will be working with other districts across the state to communicate the importance of fair funding for all schools. As you may already know, the Governor, once again, held state aid flat. As a result, we are organizing with other underfunded districts to advocate our position that this problem needs to be fixed now.

To this end, school and community members from Swedesboro-Woolwich will join forces with other districts, to be present in the Hearing Room at the Statehouse when the Commissioner of Education testifies before the Assembly Budget Committee on April 24th and again when the Commissioner testifies before the Senate Budget Committee on May 2nd. Here is a list of the other districts that will join us.

Monday, April 24th:

Swedesboro-Woolwich
Kingsway Regional
Freehold Boro
Red Bank Boro
Monroe Twp.
Chesterfield
Robbinsville
Delran
Paulsboro
Rahway
Green Twp.
Hackettstown
Cherry Hill School District

Tuesday, May 2nd:

Swedesboro-Woolwich
Kingsway Regional
Freehold Boro
Red Bank Boro
Monroe Twp.
Newton
Chesterfield
Robbinsville
Delran
Paulsboro
Rahway
Cherry Hill School District
Deptford Twp. Public Schools
Little Ferry

These two legislative hearings are when the Commissioner of Education answers questions on the Governor's budget proposal for 2017-2018. The Commissioner will advocate that this budget proposal is the best that can be done; however, the collective presence of the school districts will communicate the message that we strongly disagree. We believe that all schools need to be funded fairly at 100%. Each of our districts has our own school related issues; however, we are all united on this common goal.

At the next Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education meeting, the District will hold its public hearing on our 2017 – 2018 budget before the SWSD Board of Education. These actions are required by the state, but do not deter us from advocating for what is right. To learn more about the fair funding issue, please visit our [District's website](#) or the Fair Funding Action Committee Facebook Page.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristin P. O'Neil

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