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## What They Are Saying ... Governor Christie's Increase in School Aid Is "Good News" And "Greatly Appreciate[d]" By Education Leaders Across the State

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New Jersey School Boards Association Executive Director Marie S. Bilik: "NJSBA greatly appreciates Governor Christie's proposed school funding increase." (NJSBA Comments On Governor's Budget Recommendation, 2/21/12)

- New Jersey School Boards Spokesman Frank Belluscio: "[W]e do appreciate the overall increase in aid." (Jean Mikle And Todd B. Bates, "Morris School Districts Get More In Aid Plan," Daily Record 2/26/12)

Garden State Coalition of Schools Executive Director Lynne Strickland: "[I]nitial reaction overall is that the aid increases to our members are meaningful and demonstrate a much-needed nod from the state for its support of quality education in the suburbs." (Garden State Coalition, Statement on State Aid Figures, 2/23/12)

- GSCS is relieved to see a change on the plus side, one that is positive and promising of a future trend.
- "There's recognition that this has been a long time coming, and we're glad for it..." (Jason Method, "Suburban Schools To Gain Aid," Home News Tribune, 2/23/12)

New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association Executive Director Patricia Wright: "NJPSA appreciates the positive direction taken by Governor Christie of proposed increased formula aid to school districts." (Press Release, 2/22/12)

Business and Government Insurance Agency President Steve Edwards: "The increased educational funding in Governor Christie's budget combined with the consistent message of affirmation of pride in our state and its comeback sends the right message to the world that 'We're Jersey Proud.'" (Press Release, 2/22/12)

East Windsor Regional School District Superintendent Ed Forsthoff: "This is great news. ... This is more than we were expecting." (Carmen Cusido, "Trenton School Officials Irked By Proposed Aid Cut," The Times 2/25/12)

Woodstown-Piles Grove School District Superintendent Thomas Coleman: "We thought it would be flat so this was good news. ... This allows us to restore some things in the district." ("Most Salem County School Districts See Increase In State Aid," Today's SunBeam, 2/25/12)

Pennsville School District Superintendent Dr. Mark Jones: "Anything additional that we received we are so excited about it. With the 2-percent cap, we have to be very frugal. Anytime there is additional money we are very excited about that." ("Most Salem County School Districts See Increase In State Aid," Today's SunBeam, 2/25/12)

East Hanover School District Superintendent Joseph Ricca: "We're thrilled and appreciate the support of the governor and Legislature starting to restore aid to communities that pay the bulk to educate students across the state." (Jean Mikle And Todd B. Bates, "Morris School Districts Get More In Aid Plan," Daily Record 2/26/12)

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