

Special Education Funding Sample Letter

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Dear _____

I am writing to urge you to support increased special education funding to address the special education cross-subsidy in the legislative supplemental budgets. The special education cross-subsidy is the amount by which federal and state special education funding falls short of meeting school district expenditures on mandated special education services.

Special education services are critical to ensuring students with special needs can reach their full potential. However, insufficient special education funding from the federal and state governments has created a \$715 million shortfall in the current school year. As a result, school districts must use general education revenue to cover the mandated special education services that are so important to our students with special needs.

Governor Mark Dayton's supplemental budget recommendations include funding to increase state special education aid in order to reduce the special education cross-subsidy. Specifically, the Governor proposes to increase funding for special education by almost \$17 million in FY19 and more than \$43 million over the FY2020-2021 biennium.

I encourage you to support special education funding this session and include funding to address the special education cross-subsidy in the legislative supplemental budget requests.

Thank you in advance for your support of our students and our schools.

Sincerely,

Name

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