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Dear Parents, Staff and Community-

The financial picture for Farmington Public Schools continues to worsen as the legislators in Lansing and the Governor fail to agree upon funding for the school aid budget. Coming upon the heels of the Governor's veto of 20j funding, the Governor announced yesterday another cut to schools in the amount of \$127 per pupil from this year's budget.

What this means for Farmington Public Schools for this school year (2009-2010):

- \$165 (per pupil proration) = \$2.0 million
 - \$127 (per pupil proration) = \$1.5 million
 - \$191 (20j funding cut) = \$2.2 million
- Total = \$5.7 million

Frankly, I am deeply disappointed in the leadership in Lansing. They continue to point fingers at each other and neglect their responsibility to all children in public schools across the state.

I urge you to continue to call our legislators and the Governor and tell them "enough is enough" and to quit using our children as pawns. They need to work together to come up with a solution that will not jeopardize students' education and dismantle school districts across the state. They must find the necessary revenues to rescind current and future cuts to education to ensure a future for our state and its children.

Please see contact information below.

Thank you for your continued support of Farmington Public Schools. Your voice matters.

Sincerely,

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