

To Whom It May Concern;

I am a parent of a Delton Kellogg Schools student. I am greatly concerned about Governor Snyder's proposal to fund higher education with Proposition A money earmarked for K-12 schools. This would leave our public school with \$470 less per student, \$700 less when additional state mandated cuts and rising retirement costs are included. Our district has already reduced expenses in our budget by approximately \$5 million over the last 8 years. The governor's current proposal creates for us an additional \$1.5 million dollar problem for the 2011-2012 school year. Michigan's public schools cannot sustain these continual reductions. Education should be seen as the major key to Michigan's economic recovery. With the failure of Proposal A to properly fund schools, and the many reductions to public education, we won't be able to be part of the solution.

Please work collaboratively to find a way to adequately fund our schools. Michigan's future depends on an educated workforce that is prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. Reductions like the one currently proposed aren't part of a solution; they are only compounding our state's problem.

Sincerely,

Delton Kellogg Schools Advocate