

February 26, 2013

Dear Andrew M. Cuomo (Governor of New York State),

I am an eighth grade student at Sequoya Middle School in the Sachem Central School District. I love the school I go to and I would hate to see so many of my peers and I disappointed due to the lack of financial aid coming from New York State. This will cause a crisis for our district, making the schools shut down music and art programs and cutting down on clubs and sports. I feel clubs allow students to express themselves or show their interests through other things rather than academics. Most of my classmates are involved in clubs and this keeps them involved in school activities rather than causing trouble at home. Even students who don't do so well academically can succeed through other programs. The lack of support from our state concerns me because; my education is the path to my future. Thank you for your time and concern.

Sincerely,

Jamie Scalise

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Scalise".