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New York State Capitol Bldg.
Albany, NY 12224

Sagamore Middle School
57 Division Street
Holtsville, NY 11742

2-25-13

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Hello I am Matt Morgan and I am a proud player of the football team. Sachem is a great school, we have amazing sports and we do not want to lose them. I have tried out for football and baseball in seventh grade and got cut from both. I want the seventh graders to not give up and try out again and improve like I did.

Sachem is basically dying out because of the budget. We cannot tolerate this and the entire Sachem community needs your support because we do not want Sachem to be gone with sports and everything fun the students admire. We love the school assemblies and everything that Sachem does for us. Sachem is the best school to attend because all the students and staff are amazing and treat each other greatly.

Sincerely,


Matt Morgan

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Dear Governor Cuomo,

Hello, I am a student at Sagamore here in the Sachem Central School District. Sachem is a great district that is filled with 14,000 students grades K-12. I am an 8th grader and have been with Sachem for 9 years and have had the time of my life. My school has different clubs and sports. I am involved in many of them such as soccer, basketball and lacrosse. These sports mean a lot to me because I have been playing them since I was a little girl.

Unfortunately Sachem will receive close to one million dollars less than last year and far less than what was expected. Our district cannot tolerate this and the Sachem community needs your support. There are so many things that occur in Sachem like fundraisers, school events, and fun competitions between schools. We need your help so we can still have these fun events. Sachem means a lot to me and I hope you can make a change to help us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriella Aspuru". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gabriella Aspuru

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Dear Governor Cuomo,

My name is Jack Plant. I am writing to you to tell you what a great community Sachem is. I have been in Sachem since I first started kindergarten and I have had many wonderful experiences. I have made many good friends and have been here most of my life. I have also had a great education through many of Sachem's wonderful teachers, without additional help from the government I will lose all of that. I am not involved in much clubs and I'm not involved in any sports but the certain things I am currently in I will lose if Sachem doesn't receive additional help. I'm not just writing this for my own needs, many of my classmates are involved in sports and various amounts of clubs and without additional support they will also lose things they are a part of.

The state aid that Sachem will receive this year this year is close to one million dollars less than last year and far less than what was expected. We cannot tolerate this and the entire Sachem community needs your support. There are many great things that occur in our district: fundraisers, sports games, track meets and much more. Sachem means more than anything to me. A proper education is the key to everyone's future, if we don't receive additional help we will most likely be closed down. We need your help to keep this school running and to save our future.

Sincerely,

Jack Plant

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Imad Chaudhry
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Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am a Sachem student who wishes to address my concern with the cut of additional aid. Sachem is a wonderful community, which deserves more aid. Without the aid our community will suffer. Without the aid, some schools will close down, sports will be gone, and many people will not want to attend school because all their interests will be gone. I play soccer and I am part of many clubs. Through experience I know that when my school closes, and I am forced to go to a new school, I will suffer academically. I want to attend medical school, and become a doctor. I know that med school is very expensive, and without average or small classes I will not be able to achieve a half or full scholarship. This will force me to switch my career path I want to take, ruining my life completely. So I urge you to not ruin people's lives, and please give more aid.

The state is slowly taking away money from the aid, so much that we are going through a financial crisis. The teachers, students, and parents cannot stand while we are brought down to bankruptcy. Our district is one of the biggest districts in New York, and we deserve more. Sachem is my education, my future, and I will not see it go into bankruptcy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Imad Chaudhry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "I".

Imad Chaudhry

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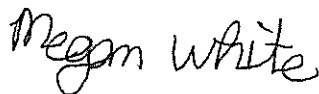
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Dear Governor Cuomo,

Hi, I am Megan White, and I think Sachem is a great community because we have so many great activities. Our school is very involved with clubs and sports, electives and music. I was in drama last year I loved it so much that I want to try out again and I would hate to lose it. If we lose all our clubs and sport the new sixth graders would not experience what Sachem is all about.

The state aid that sachem will receive this year is close to one million dollars less than last year and far less than what was expected. In 2008-2009 Sachem received over \$20 million more than we are projected to get this year. Our Sachem community cannot tolerate this and the entire Sachem community needs your support. Some of the great things that occur in our district are clubs. It keeps kids busy and they have lots of fun. Another great thing is our sports. It keeps kids active and healthy and it's fun. With sports and clubs kids can make new friends. Sachem is a huge community and we would hate to see our clubs go. We need your help so we can keep our clubs. Teachers have to keep spending their own money to get supplies. Please help us to keep Sachem great.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan White".

Megan White

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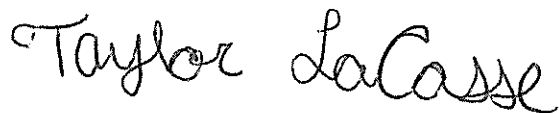
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Dear Governor Cuomo,

Hello, my name is Taylor LaCasse, and I am a student at Sagamore Middle School. Sachem is a great community for so many reasons. Sachem is a great district because we get to be involved with sports, clubs, music and electives. We took a survey on how many people like or take sports and everyone in the class does. However, we really need your support and money to keep these sports running. I am a part of the Sagamore Arrowettes and I would hate to not be able to try out next year because of how much debt we are in. I would like Sachem to stay healthy.

The Sachem aid will receive this year close to one million dollars less than last year and far less than what we expected. In 2008-09 Sachem received over \$20 million more that we are projected to get this year. Many people cannot tolerate this and the entire Sachem community needs your support. In Sachem so many great things occur and I can never imagine letting them go. So please do everything you can to make sure that all of our sports and activities stay the same. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taylor LaCasse". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Taylor LaCasse

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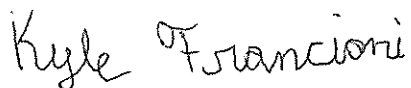
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Dear Governor Cuomo,

My name is Kyle and I am a Sachem student. The sachem community is such a wonderful place to live in. I am in band and without additional aid we can't get new equipment to play with. If we don't have enough money we won't be able to play band.

Every year we lose over 1 million dollars in state aid. One million dollars can mean continuing clubs or not. We cannot keep up these clubs and things like band if we keep on losing money. A lot of these clubs are great and deserve to be continued. Sachem needs more money to get school needs. We keep on losing money and these teachers spend theirs on classroom needs. Please help us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Francioni". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'F'.

Kyle Francioni

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Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am a student who attends Sagamore Middle School. Sachem is a great community, There are lots of great people and I get a great education from here. I have a great experience in Sachem and I play a lot of sports, and I wouldn't want them to be taken away because we have a great sports program and without them, we wouldn't be the same district.

As you know Sachem is 26 million dollars below budget. Sachem has great programs and we need you help to save them, and our schools. We have good sports programs, Sachem East girls' basketball won the state championship in 2010. Sachem East wrestling just came 2nd in counties. If we want to keep this up, we need you help to keep us going, and achieving more of these accomplishments. I have had some good memories in Sagamore, and I wouldn't want to see it closed down.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John deWall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

John deWall

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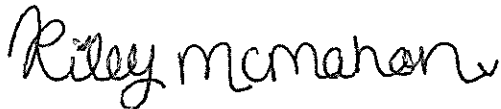
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Dear Governor Cuomo,

Hello my name is Riley McMahon, and I am a Sagamore student. Sachem Is a wonderful community for so many reasons. Sachem is a great district. In class we took a quick survey of the kids who do sports and clubs and the kids who don't do anything and more than half the class played sports. However, we really need your support and money to keep these sports, clubs and more running. In Sagamore I am on the Arrowette team and I am going to do track after that. I would really love for all sports to stay and I would love if you could do everything you can to keep us children at Sachem healthy and running.

The state aid that Sachem will receive this year is close to one million dollars less than last year and far less than what was expected. In 2008-09 sachem received over 20\$ million more than what we projected to get this year. Many people are getting very upset and we cannot tolerate this and the entire Sachem community needs your help. Now I know I am only a kid but many adults don't notice that if we lose our school sports many kids can become overweight and many kids won't be happy (Take it from a kid). So please do everything you can to help out all of Sachem. Thank You!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Riley McMahon". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Riley McMahon

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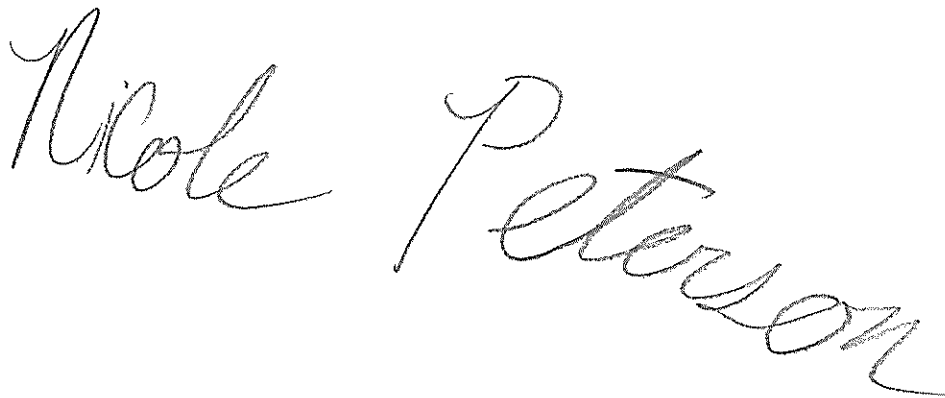
Dear Governor Cuomo,

Hi, I'm Nicole, a 6th grade Sachem student. Our district is in a financial crisis. Our schools mean so much to us. It gives us a place to learn, grow, and meet new friends. There are rumors that because of finances, we might have to shut down some of our schools. We have so much fun here such as the school dances, sports night, and field trips.

We all hope that you will help us in our time of need. We would all be so happy.

Sincerely,

Nicole Peterson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Peterson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Dear Governor Cuomo,

Hi I'm Alice. I am a 6th grader at Sagamore, in the Sachem school district. Sachem means so much to me and if it was gone I would be very sad. The best times this year were the dance {it was the 6th grade Halloween dance} it was so much fun, and also Sports Night. My friends had a very good time, in fact we had the time of our lives.

We love Sagamore so much, so please give us more money. We love our school so much. I know we complain on homework and classes but if I didn't have this school, I would be antisocial and not have any friends.

Sincerely,

Alice Monza