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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Campaign: **"Bayonne Kids Count, Too!"**

It causes me a great deal of concern knowing that the Bayonne School District has been underfunded by the State of New Jersey for the past several years. This amounts to a loss of tens of millions of dollars for services provided to the children of Bayonne. For the first time in 30 years, New Jersey has a funding formula that is fair and equitable, and if funded from year to year provides local educators with a predictable, stable level of funding needed for student success. We must make sure our legislators pass a budget next year that delivers full funding to every student, wherever they attend school. The children in Bayonne are entitled to, and deserve, no less.

Please join us in a letter writing campaign to have our voices heard in support our Bayonne Kids Count, Too! campaign. Together, we can work as influential allies in our venture for equity and fairness to provide our students with a sufficient level of funding to achieve rigorous academic standards and allocate more funding to students with greater needs.

Bayonne Public Schools depend upon the funding offered to our students. Our students have benefited for many years with the exceptional educational experiences offered in our schools. However, we want our children to continue to have the opportunity to be successful in a changing world. Help us convince the decision-makers for the State of New Jersey to provide our students with a sufficient level of funding to achieve rigorous academic standards and allocate more funding to students with greater needs to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century educational world.

Attached is a template for letters to our leaders who can make a difference. You may use this or write your own letter. Please send your letters to your child's teacher by December 19, 2011 and we will be sure to have them delivered to the appropriate people.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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Changes on the possible elimination of New Jersey's school funding formula (the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 – SFRA) may cause cuts in public education. Bayonne Public Schools depend upon the funding offered to our students. Our students have benefited for many years with the exceptional educational experiences offered in our schools. We want our children to continue to have the opportunity to be successful in a changing world.

The State of New Jersey must provide our students with a sufficient level of funding to achieve rigorous academic standards and allocate more funding to students with greater needs to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century educational world. We strongly urge the State of New Jersey to fund our schools that offer so many benefits to the students of our community.

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Dear Senator Stephen M. Sweeney:

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Dear Senator Sandra B. Cunningham:

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