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## Ritchie: Help Our Schools Make the Grade

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### **Senator Asks the Public to Weigh in Through 2013 School Survey**

State Senator Patty Ritchie is asking the public to weigh in on schools in the Central and Northern New York region through her 2013 School Survey, which was launched this week.

The survey—which covers topics ranging from school safety to curriculum—is [available here](#), and is designed to gather public opinion and ideas for use in the next legislative session, as Senator Ritchie continues to advocate for local education.

“Here in the Central and Northern New York region, our schools are among the very best. While our schools are excellent, as with anything, there are always opportunities for change and improvement, and that’s what this survey is about,” said Senator Ritchie.

“I plan on taking the feedback from this survey and using it to build upon work we have done to improve our state aid formula and ensure our rural and Upstate schools get the resources they need to provide top notch educational opportunities for our region’s students.”

Parents, students and taxpayers can access the survey [here](#). After responses are collected, they will be shared on the Senator’s website.

The questionnaire represents Senator Ritchie's latest effort to help support Central and Northern New York schools. This year, New York State increased its commitment to public education with the largest school aid package in four years. In addition, the school aid package was weighted to rural and Upstate schools, and provides \$25 million more than last year in education aid to districts in Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties.