



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement by Senator Griffo concerning latest ruling in small city school aid lawsuit

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State Senator Joseph Griffo, R-Rome, released the following statement Monday in response to a State Supreme Court's ruling that New York has met its "constitutional obligation" to provide enough school aid to eight small city school districts, including Utica:

I respect the judicial process, but I am disappointed and I disagree with this latest ruling against those school districts that are fighting for the right to their fair share of funding. This ruling should be appealed.

As I have recently stated, we still recognize and appreciate the responsibility that both the State Legislature and the Governor have to develop a better school aid funding formula that is fair, equitable and predictable. This is vital step toward New York State fulfilling its obligation to provide every student with access to a sound education.

I have already proposed legislation that would ensure adequate funding for our schools, and I am hopeful that this next legislative session will bring even more focus and momentum to finally resolve this matter in a way that serves the best interests of our children and our schools.

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2015-S4988B

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 - In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
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