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Dear Lakewood School Board Members and Staff,

The Igud HaMosdos represents over a hundred K-12 schools serving 35,000 students in Lakewood's Orthodox community. While due to religious requirements, most of our community families do not educate our children in Lakewood's Public Schools, we nevertheless stand side by side with public school children and parents in their struggle to receive the funding they deserve for a proper education.

A large percentage of our students are descendants of 20th century immigrants who escaped oppression and made their way to this county for better opportunities. We empathize with the struggles of trying to acclimate to this country and to raise our children with the proper education and skills to thrive.

We support and join the public school community and community leaders in their efforts to end the discriminatory and unfair State funding formula, and call on the State to fix it now.

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