



May 2, 2018

Dear Superintendent, BOE Board Members, Parents /Guardians of public school students, staff of the Piners Pride, and fellow residents of Lakewood:

Both law and common decency require a “thorough and efficient education” for public school children. As such, the 50,000 plus residents of the Lakewood Jewish Orthodox community vigorously support the children and parents of the public school district. More so, we are determined to continue our ongoing considerable efforts to help all of Lakewood’s children receive the funding they deserve.

For far too long a faulty formula, set by a distant Trenton, has shorted Lakewood. It is time that technical structural defects – which are so harmful to Lakewood’s students - are fixed once and for all. We call on the State to act now – and to fix the broken formula, as outlined by the State’s monitors and the District’s own independent experts.

We are pledged to stand side by side with you – as we always have – and to work with legislative leaders, the Department of Education and Governor Murphy’s office to see to it that ALL children in Lakewood receive what they need.

Our community can all too well relate to the immigrant experience, as many of our parents and grandparents made their way to this country escaping oppression in Russia, Poland, Germany, and many other places of our often forced dispersion. We are thankful for all America has done for us, and will fight to make sure today’s immigrant students obtain what is need in an adequate and dignified manner.

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