

Fattal's Forum

By Superintendent John Fattal



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Fellow Cavaliers,

Over the last several weeks, I've shared in my column how Michigan's unresolved K-12 budget directly impacts our students, staff, and programs. While schools have seen modest funding increases in recent years, they have not kept up with inflation or the needs of today's learners. Without a finalized budget, schools like ours risk missing critical state aid payments this fall—resources we rely on to maintain class sizes, support teachers, run buses, and provide academic programs, arts, athletics, and security.

I encourage you to revisit my most recent columns, where I've outlined these challenges in more detail and explained what's at stake for Corunna and districts across Michigan. Together, we can ensure our elected leaders understand the importance of passing a budget that keeps the promise made to Michigan voters: protecting the School Aid Fund for the education of our children.

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Finally, one of our many supportive parents reached out to me asking to provide some “cut-and-paste” verbiage to share with our elected officials. You can find those samples below, as well as contact information for Representative BeGole and Senator Singh.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

Superintendent John Fattal

Option 1

Subject: Please Protect School Funding

Dear Senator Singh and Representative BeGole,

I am writing to urge you to pass a K-12 school budget immediately. Redirecting dollars from the School Aid Fund away from public schools undermines the promise made to Michigan voters in 1994.

Without a budget, schools like Corunna Public Schools risk missing the October 20 state aid payment—funds that are crucial to maintaining manageable class sizes, supporting teachers, operating buses, ensuring security, and offering programs in the arts, athletics, and academics.

Please put students first by approving a budget that protects School Aid Fund dollars for their original purpose: educating Michigan's children.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Option 2

Subject: Stable School Funding for Michigan's Children

Dear Senator Singh and Representative BeGole,

As a parent and/or community member in Corunna, I am deeply concerned that Michigan still lacks a K-12 budget. Our schools cannot operate without certainty. If the budget is not passed soon, students, teachers, and families will all be impacted.

Please safeguard the School Aid Fund for education and finalize a budget ASAP. Our children deserve a stable, fully-funded school year, free from political delays.

Thank you for your leadership on this urgent issue.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Phone Call/Voicemail Script

Hello, my name is **[Your Name]**, and my children attend Corunna Public Schools. I'm calling to urge you to pass a K-12 school budget immediately and protect the School Aid Fund for its intended purpose—public education.

Without a budget, schools like ours could miss the October 20 state aid payment, which funds teachers, buses, programs, and security. Please put students first and approve a budget that ensures a stable school year for Michigan's children.

Thank you.

Rep. Brian BeGole (District 71)

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Sen. Sam Singh (District 28)

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Additionally, you may have seen news about recent “swatting” hoaxes—false reports of active shooters—at universities in other states. While these incidents have been disruptive elsewhere, there are currently no specific or credible threats to schools in Michigan.

Please know that Corunna Public Schools takes student safety very seriously. Under the guidance of our Head of Security, Larry LaFramboise, and school resource officer Steve Skerbec, we maintain close communication with law enforcement, the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center, and we have clear procedures in place should an emergency arise. Our staff is trained to respond promptly, and we regularly review our protocols to ensure the safety of your children.

I can assure you that we would work together with law enforcement to prosecute anyone committing a hoax against our district to the fullest extent of the law.

While the start of the school year brings excitement, we also recognize the importance of vigilance. Together—with families, staff, and community partners—we are committed to ensuring that every student feels secure and supported at school.

Thank you for trusting us with your children.