



June 14, 2016

The Honorable James Eldridge
Massachusetts House of Representatives/State Senate
State House, Room 413A
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Legislator:

Thank you very much for your strong commitment to children with special needs by increasing funding for the Special Education Circuit Breaker account in the next year's state budget. Your continued support for this important funding helps to provide the state aid that local school districts need to meet the educational needs of all students.

As the Conference Committee continues its deliberations, I write today to respectfully ask you to contact Committee members to urge support of the Senate's full-funding of the Special Education Circuit Breaker Account at \$281.7 million (line-item 7061-0012). As you know, this funding is essentially local aid to our communities and the Senate appropriation would provide full-funding for this account to best ensure that local school districts are provided with the critical state aid needed to meet the educational needs of all students, while also funding the line-item's included earmarks.

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Please support full-funding for the Special Education Circuit Breaker account at \$281.7 million in the FY'17 Conference Committee budget. This is important funding that truly matters to the students, families and schools in every community across the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important request and for your continued support of children with special needs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Curtis Bates
Interim Superintendent of Schools



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The Honorable Jennifer Flanagan
Massachusetts House of Representatives/State Senate
State House, Room 208
Boston, MA 02133

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