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Office of the Governor  
State House  
107 North Main Street  
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Department of Education  
c/o Commissioner Frank Edelblut  
101 Pleasant Street  
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Dear Governor Sununu, Commissioner Edelblut and the New Hampshire Department of Education:

We wish the federal and state governments be fully aware of the deficiency in current funding for our schools and our deep concern about the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic on our students. We write to request that you work with our New Hampshire federal delegation to provide adequate education funding to the families and students of the Manchester School District. These needs cannot be realistically met by local property taxpayers alone.

Manchester Schools need funding to address the deficiencies in education that existed prior to the onset of the Covid 19 Pandemic and have been highlighted and exacerbated by it. Despite the best efforts of our administration and educators we acknowledge that there will be a long-term effect on our students from the current crisis. These negative effects will be educational, social, emotional, health and welfare related. Whatever the level of need that existed prior to the spring of 2020 will be much greater in the coming months and years.

The current and previous underfunding of our schools and their programs were a challenge for the state government. The conditions which will exist in the years following this Pandemic demand a dynamic, revolutionary, and long-term response. We need a proportional response from our state and federal leadership to the foreseeable and expected financial needs of the largest school district in the state. We cannot allow a generation of children to be damaged emotionally and educationally.

We encourage you to work with the legislature and the federal government to secure greater resources for our children especially the most vulnerable among them.

Respectfully,

Manchester Board of School Committee

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