

**LEGISLATIVE ALERT**  
**THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES**  
**Harmful Cuts Proposed in State Budget  
for Catholic School Busing Funds**

On April 19, 2013, the Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly proposed a **70% cut** in the funding for Catholic School Bus Transportation -- a cut from \$3,595,000 to \$719,100.

This legislative action represents an extremely unfair reduction of funding and places an undue burden on the parents/guardians of Catholic School students:

- The Appropriations Committee should better appreciate that for years our Catholics Schools have saved the State about \$360M each year.
- The Appropriations Committee should better appreciate that our parents also pay their fair share of local property taxes – and it is only right that they should receive some assistance for the transportation of many of our students.
- The Appropriations Committee should better appreciate that our Catholic Schools will lose many students if bus transportation is taken away. This hurts not only our students and their families, but our schools as well.
- The Appropriations Committee should better appreciate that Public Schools costs will increase when the local and regional Boards of Education are forced to absorb our students when they leave our schools.

**THE GOOD NEWS:** We, as Catholic School Parents, have a chance to reverse the Appropriations Committee's unfair reduction of these funds before the final State Budget is approved in late May/early June.

**THIS ALERT IS A "CALL TO ACTION," SO PLEASE:**

ALL PARENTS, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE GOVERNOR AND EACH OF THE FOLLOWING KEY LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AT THE STATE CAPITOL AND **ASK THEM TO REVERSE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 70% CUT TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION.**

**WHAT TO SAY IN YOUR MESSAGE FOR ADULTS:** My name is .... from .... school. I reside at .... in the town of .... I am asking that you reverse the appropriations committee 70% cut to Catholic School Bus Transportation. I can be reached at .....

**WHAT TO SAY IN YOUR MESSAGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** My name is .... from .... school. I am asking that you reverse the appropriations committee 70% cut to Catholic School Bus Transportation.

THE CONTACT INFORMATION IS BELOW:

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**Additionally, send an email to your local State Senator and Representative by clicking on the link below. Urge them to reinstate bus funding for parochial schools, which has existed in our state for decades.**

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/link/target/ctcc/qK446QgQ.aspx>