

## PUBLIC EDUCATION Call Script

Hello,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I'm a constituent of Senator \_\_\_\_\_.

I am calling today to urge you to support our public schools and make sure the State Budget provides New York schools the funding they need to educate our children, especially in the poorest and neediest communities.

In 2006, the NYS Court of Appeals determined that New York schools were significantly underfunded and ordered a \$5.5 billion increase in basic Foundation Aid. Schools are still waiting to see that money. Senate Democrats are asking for a \$2.1 billion increase in Foundation Aid while the Republicans and the IDC are proposing changes to the Foundation Aid formula that will shortchange poor students and students with disabilities.

*\*You can add an anecdote about the role public education plays in your life as a parent or teacher, or child advocate.\**

I will be paying close attention to the release of the State Budget on April 1st and I will remember the IDC's role (For Felder: "Senator Felder's role") if the Republicans succeed in keeping New Yorkers from voting.

As well, I will keep your position in mind when I cast my vote during the next election. New Yorkers are paying attention to the budget negotiations and we see the Senator's true colors.

Talk is cheap, the Senator's actions speak louder than words.

Thank you for your time.

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