

To Who It My Concern,

I am writing as a teacher in New Britain school system. I have read about the proposal for flat funding in education. This is so saddening to me as a teacher, because our kids deserve the same resources and funding as other districts. This proposal will just continue to expand the gap between the resources that New Britain children and children in magnet school and the suburbs receive. The "playing field" is not level when comparing resources. These students are so needy in terms of catching up academically, without adequate funding, we don't have the ability to provide them with the materials and education that they need. There have been years as a teacher where I have had to buy my own paper and pencils, due to lack of money for classroom supplies. Paper and pencils are not a luxury, they are a necessity. I would do anything to give my students a meaningful education. I am asking that you consider the needs of children, not only in New Britain, but in all priority districts. They need resources even more than other children, because many of them are already so far behind where they should be. Please keep in mind these beautiful children who deserve the best.

Sincerely,

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