

Dear Community Member,

We encourage our community to contact Governor Murphy and ask him NOT TO support the current version of bills S-2392/A-3969, which allows the municipal governments to extend/delay the dates for the payment of taxes by a municipality to a county, a school district, or any other taxing district due to COVID-19 hardship. The sample letter below may be copied and pasted for your use.

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Dear Governor Murphy:

I am writing this letter to urge you to NOT support the current version of bills S-2392/A-3969, which allows the municipal governments to extend/delay the dates for the payment of taxes by a municipality to a county, a school district, or any other taxing district due to COVID-19 hardship.

Monroe Township school district relies very heavily on municipal aid to run our district. Our taxpayers pay over 86% of the cost of education; which is approximately \$ 117.7M of the \$136.9M budget. Monroe Township School District receives only \$6.9 million in General Fund State Aid, which is less than \$1,000 per student. The average State aid allocation for all other similar districts in Middlesex County is \$5,600 per student.

The Monroe Township school district is faced with enormous challenge to accommodate increased student enrollment for classroom and facility space and student programs, especially special education. We also have a large demand for transportation and special education costs. Adding to the already overburdened budget demands are the increasing unfunded state mandates.

Timely payment of municipal aid is paramount to continue functioning of the district. Any delays in this aid would result in dire consequences to our teachers and staff salaries, student programs and overall survival of the district. We understand the need for flexibility in these unprecedented times of national pandemic and economic hardship. However, this pandemic and hardship should not cost our students their future and our staff's livelihood in educating our children.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely yours,

[Insert Your Name, Address, Telephone Number]