

NEW YORK STATE

DEMOCRATIC RURAL CONFERENCE (DRC)

Whereas, our state leaders have committed to a four percent increase in school aid as part of the 2012-13 NYS budget,

and,

Whereas, the funding cuts enacted as part of the 2012 NYS budget disproportionately hurt low-wealth, high poverty school districts and rural counties,

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Whereas, the cap on local school budgets will increase the inequities between school districts and combined with cuts in state aid will undermine the quality of our schools

and,

Whereas, many of these low-wealth and high poverty school districts serve rural children,

and,

Whereas, the Democratic Rural Conference advocates for its rural constituents to the extent of its ability,

Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved

That the Executive Board of the DRC supports the New York State Board of Regents in their call for reform of the school funding formula so that 73% of the 2012-13 school aid increases prioritize low-wealth and high poverty school districts,

and be it further resolved

That the Executive Board of the DRC Conference urges Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Senate Minority Leader B. Kolb and Senator David Valesky to support and work to change the funding formula so that 73% of the 2012 school district budget increase goes to low-wealth and high poverty districts

