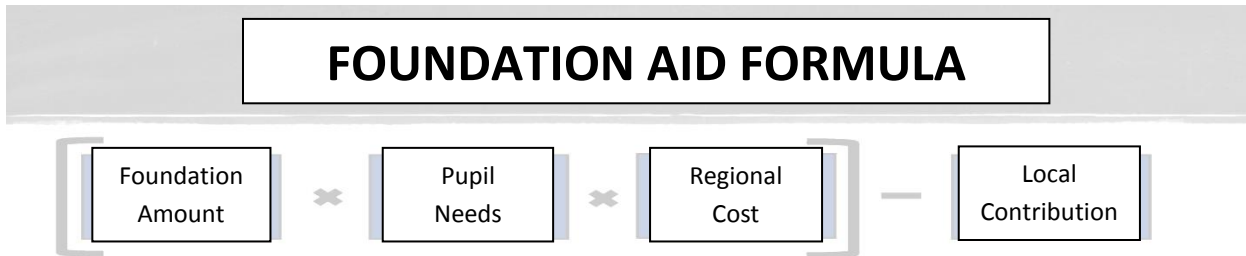


# Petition to ask Governor Cuomo to improve and fully fund the Foundation Aid formula for public schools



We, the undersigned, request Governor Cuomo take urgent, immediate action to **improve and fully fund the Foundation Aid formula for public schools** by taking the following into consideration:

- Establish a more accurate starting point for a Foundation Aid amount
- Eliminate the 0.65 floor in the Income Wealth Index formula
- Increase the weight given to Special Education students in the formula
- Use better indicators to determine Regional Cost Variations

Year after year, the Auburn Enlarged City School District has been facing significant budget shortfalls. We are only receiving about 85% of the Foundation Aid we are entitled to under the original formula, which is a shortage of almost \$5.3 million this year alone. The loss of that funding is detrimental to the education our students receive. Every year, we do all that we can to close that huge gap while still attempting to maintain educational excellence for our students and provide an affordable tax levy for our taxpayers. **We have had to close a school building, tap into our reserve funds, increase school taxes, reduce staff, increase class sizes, and decrease programming.** We cannot do that any longer!

Governor Cuomo, the Auburn Enlarged City School District needs your help now to achieve full educational funding from New York State.

# #FixAndFundIt

**Signature**

**Print Name**

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