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At the urging of Governor Corzine, the Legislature will be considering a bill that would cap the municipal tax levy – including the school tax levy – at four percent per year. This would negatively impact bargaining on health benefits and salaries, lead to the loss of essential programs and staff, and negatively affect educational quality.

The Legislature caused the property tax crisis by flat funding schools for the past four years. The Legislature must not implement a cap that prevents districts from raising the funds they need to protect educational quality. A responsible caps bill should exempt costs over which districts have no control, such as health care, and tie state aid to caps. Without full funding for state aid there should be no caps.

Take two minutes from your next gathering of members, distribute copies of this page, and ask those present to call their legislators for the district in which they live. Refer to the legislative roster that accompanies this flier.

SUGGESTED SCRIPT:

My name is _____.

I live in _____.

I am a public school employee.

In considering the four percent cap on the local tax levy, the Legislature must:

Tie state aid to caps – without full funding there should be no caps. If the state does not provide full funding for school aid, residents must be able to protect the quality of their local schools;

Exempt costs over which districts have no control, such as health care;

Provide tax reform – but not at the expense of our schools.

I urge you to reject bills that would hurt public education.

Thank you.