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CALL TO ACTION - LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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TELL ALBANY SCHOOL BUDGETS ARE NOT AN ATM!

Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has spearheaded advocacy in opposition to the Governor's support of efforts of the State, Counties and the MTA to shift their funding responsibilities onto local school budgets

- MTA Payroll Tax would increase Nassau County school budgets by approximately \$11.6 million and Suffolk County school budgets by approximately \$12.8 million, a cost that would be shifted directly to the local school property tax
- Pre-School Special Education costs would shift expenditures for special education services for pre-school age children from the County and State to the local school property tax, a cost that would saddle Long Island property taxpayers with a bill in excess of \$37 million
- Cap/Reduction of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) on Pine Barrens would default on the State's obligation to pay school districts for lost tax revenues on state-owned lands by capping PILOTs at 2008-09 rates and reducing payments by 6%

N-SSBA needs local school boards to contact their Senators and Assembly Members –

Tell them what these shifts in costs will mean to local property taxes in their legislative districts

Tell them to reject making school budgets the repository for financially inconvenient funding responsibilities of other levels of government!