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## **Educational Services Building**

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To Novi Community School District Parents and Community Members:

The state of Michigan is facing a difficult financial situation. With the stay at home order in place, people have not been spending money and as a result the state's revenues are down significantly.

On Friday, May 15, the state holds its revenue estimating conference. This meeting is held to estimate state revenue that then guides the development of state budgets. One of the budgets that depends on state revenue is the School Aid Fund.

It is anticipated that the revenue estimating conference will identify that the state is several billion dollars short.

When that happens, the Governor and the legislature have to work together to balance the budget. Our state constitution requires a balanced budget.

How the state will balance its budget is unknown. There is the potential for a significant cut in revenue for school districts.

As we manage through this difficult situation, we will keep you informed. The goal is to find a way to continue to provide a high quality educational experience for all of our students.

How can you help? I would encourage you to contact our state legislators and encourage them to support schools. While there undoubtedly will be a reduction in funding, I will be advocating that schools should be a priority. I would encourage you to do the same.

Our state representative is Kathy Crawford: [kathycrawford@house.mi.gov](mailto:kathycrawford@house.mi.gov)

Our state senator is Jim Runestad: [senJRunestad@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senJRunestad@senate.michigan.gov)

Gratefully and Appreciatively,  
Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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