**SAMPLE LETTER TO STATE LEGISLATORS**

[Month] [Day], [Year]

The Honorable [First name] [Last name]

[Room Number] State Capitol

[City], [State] [ZIP code]

**RE: Now is the time to invest in the schools and colleges our students deserve. It’s time to Fund Our Future!**

Dear [Assembly Member/Representative/Senator] [Last name]:

My name is [your first and last name], and I am a [job title] at [school or work-site name], and I reside [and/or work] in your district. The people we elect to serve the interests of our communities all say that children are important, but that often is not reflected in policies and budget priorities.

For far too long, the students and neighborhood public schools and colleges in [your state name] have been shortchanged by [refer to state fact sheets for specific dollar amount]. Years of disinvestment in our state’s public schools and colleges have decimated education funding.

[Share a personal story. Tell your state legislator how chronic underfunding has affected your state and local school district; your community; and your school, classroom and students.]

I am part of a growing movement of parents, educators, students and community members who believe that all students are entitled to a powerful, purposeful public education that gives them the tools and skills they need to reach their full potential. I believe that now is the time to Fund Our Future. Now is the time to give all students—especially students of color, those with special needs, and those who are vulnerable and poor—what they need to succeed, such as community schools that focus on the whole child.

[Tell your state legislator what you want. Refer to your state/local demands and ask for a quick response. Be sure to include your name and address on both your letter and envelope.]

Sincerely,

**SIGN YOUR NAME**

Print your name

Street address

City, state ZIP code