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TO: Long Island NYS Senate and Assembly Delegation

FROM: Jay L.T. Breakstone, President
James March, Legislation Committee Chair

RE: S. 7447-A (Foley)
A. 10990 (Englebright)
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund

Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association supports S.7447-A/A.10990 which addresses an authorization to access monies now stranded in schools' Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund.

School budgets which will be presented to voters on May 18th contain property tax increases, and program and personnel cuts, that reflect anticipated reductions in state funding. The referenced legislation would authorize those school districts having monies in an Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund to withdraw monies to mitigate and counteract budgeted increases in school property taxes and/or restore anticipated or actual staff level reductions.

In order for the affected school districts be given the means to alleviate the impact of school funding cuts on their local taxpayers, it is imperative that this legislation be moved and adopted without delay.

cc: Honorable John Sampson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Sheldon Silver, Speaker of the Assembly
Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York
Honorable Thomas DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller