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**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2009 2:38 PM

**To:** Lashway, Lisa

**Subject:** Two Mayors Ltrs

## LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

November 16, 2009

**Re: I      Mayors Task Force for School Funding  
Reform Seeks Your Support**

**Re: II     November 19 Meeting Christie/Guadagno Red  
Tape Review Group Local Officials Invited to  
Testify**

### **Re: I. MAYORS TASK FORCE FOR SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor:

Authorized by the League's Executive Board, the **Mayors Task Force for School Funding Reform** is developing a proposal that would require the State to fund per pupil education costs from a source other than the local property tax.

Our State's Constitution calls for the State to ensure a 'thorough and efficient' system of public education for children between the ages of 5 and 18. Such a system can be achieved without further burdening our beleaguered property tax payers, if the State assumes the per pupil costs methodology proposed by the Joint Legislative Committee on School Funding. That methodology takes into account such factors as grade level, geographic location, special educational needs, socio-economic status and other criteria to determine the cost of educating each child.

The Task Force will recommend reforms that ensure all school districts will be provided with the resources needed to educate their students. And, those reforms will significantly ease the burden of regressive property taxes that continues to plague our State's citizens, our businesses and our hopes for economic recovery.

The League's **Resolutions Committee** will consider a Resolution of Support for the Task Force's work:

Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Room 320  
Atlantic City Convention Center

If approved by that Committee, the League Membership will be asked to endorse the Resolution at the League's **Annual Business Meeting**.

Friday, November 20, 2009  
Pearl Ballroom  
Sheraton Convention Center Hotel

**A part of that Resolution will ask New Jersey Mayors to demonstrate their individual support for this effort by signing a Statement of Support. Copies of the "Statement of Support" will be available all week at the Mayors Information Center.**

We invite all interested Mayors to endorse this effort.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**RE: II. November 19 Meeting Christie/Guadagno Red Tape Review Group Local Officials Invited to Testify**

Dear Mayor:

As part of the 94th Annual New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference, conference attendees are invited to meet with members of the Christie/Guadagno Administration transition team **Thursday, November 19 at 2:00 PM in the Atlantic City Convention Center Hall A.**

The Red Tape Review Group has been formed to perform a top-to-bottom review of New Jersey's regulations – removing unnecessary constraints to economic growth while helping the state run more efficiently. This effort will bring both elected branches of government together in a bi-partisan fashion to perform this review of New Jersey's Administrative Code.

During the Transition, Lt. Governor-Elect Kim Guadagno and her team will begin the fact finding effort immediately and would like to hear from local government officials. This

meeting during the League Conference will allow local officials the opportunity to discuss local mandate issues with the Review Group.

The meeting will be chaired by League Mandate Review Committee Chairman, Mayor John Bencivengo of Hamilton. League President Mayor Timothy McDonough of Hope will welcome the Transition team.

If any mandates are plaguing your budget, please try to take advantage of this unique opportunity to set the wheels of reform in motion.

Very truly yours,

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