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Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 11:45 AM
To: Lashway, Lisa
Subject: Two Issues

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

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

Re: II December Grant Page Posted

**Re: I. MAYORS TASK FORCE FOR SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM SEEKS YOUR
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Dear Mayor:

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

Last week at our Annual Business Meeting, our membership approved a Resolution supporting the work of the Mayors Task Force. **A part of that Resolution asks New Jersey Mayors to demonstrate their individual support for this effort by signing a Statement of Support.** In fact, many of you signed individual Statements of Support, which were available in the Mayors Information Center in Atlantic City.

We are now making the Statement of Support available online, and we invite you to download, complete, and send a copy to the League for our files. You can access the letter at:

<http://www.njslom.com/school-funding-mayors-support-statement.pdf>.

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 continue to plague our State's citizens, businesses, and hopes for economic recovery. Further, the reforms will be revenue neutral and they will respect the needs of our poorer school districts.

We invite all interested Mayors to endorse this effort as the Mayors Task Force begins to reach out to other interested parties for broad-based support of this concept.

If you have any questions about this task force or Statement of Support please contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

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A new featured article has been posted in our Grant Resource Center. This month's article is titled: "*Making the Most of the Holiday Season in Your Community*".

New featured grant opportunities have also been listed.
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