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Dr. William Clark
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Dear Dr. Clark,

Public school leaders continue to tackle the daunting task of sustaining and improving student academic progress in the face of unprecedented state and local fiscal challenges. As painful as the 2014-15 budget process was, future years hold the prospect of being even more challenging absent a change in how – and how much – the Commonwealth funds public education.

For this reason, on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, from 7:00 – 8:45 pm, the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit, will host a Statewide Videoconference Event for superintendents, business managers and school board members.

This event is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU), Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA), Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), Pennsylvania School Business Officials (PASBO), and the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS). We ask that you register in advance for this free event using the link www.paiu.org/vcon.

These sponsoring organizations are part of a diverse statewide coalition of organizations that have launched a PA Basic Education Funding Campaign. The September 30th videoconference event will serve as the kick-off of the Associations' efforts as part of the broader Basic Education Funding Campaign.

The goals for the Statewide Videoconference Event are as follows:

- Join hundreds of school leaders from every corner of Pennsylvania who will gather to learn about the statewide coalition campaigning for a new adequate and equitable public school funding formula.
- Begin planning with your regional colleagues on how you can take action locally to build support for a new school funding formula.
- Learn the facts about the current state of school funding in PA and what is required to support students and schools everywhere in the Commonwealth.

I look forward to seeing you on September 30, 2014, and I hope that you will encourage your district and school leaders to join you. PAIU, PASA, PASBO, PSBA and PARSS are all encouraging their members to attend this very important event. Enclosed please find an Event Announcement.

I am confident that via local and statewide advocacy for this effort, we will be able to influence a new, adequate and equitable public school funding formula for the support of students and schools throughout the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Johnson, Ed.D