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# Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools

Ensuring  
opportunities  
for learning,  
personal growth  
and social  
responsibility.

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### *Key Messages to State Leaders*

March 2010

We understand that New York is facing unprecedented economic problems, and **we are doing our share** to address this and hold down costs:

- We have asked our bargaining groups to make concessions.
- We plan to use our undesignated “rainy day” fund balance over the next two years.
- We are discussing potential staffing cuts of more than 5 percent of our staff.

In return, we ask our state leaders to do their share and **ensure that New York school districts can come out of this crisis with real improvements in their long-term legal abilities to hold down costs.**

We ask that you:

- 1.** Minimize cuts in education aid in the state 2010 budget.
- 2.** Support real mandate relief and oppose the Governor’s new unfunded mandates. Two examples that could provide significant relief to schools are:
  - Reform the Wicks Law quickly!
  - Re-examine special education mandates.
- 3.** Reform the Triborough Amendment.
- 4.** Maintain the guaranteed minimum STAR exemption at its current level.
- 5.** Pass an on-time state budget.

