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Education Leaders Pleased with Governor's Budget Proposal

The What Will Our Children Lose Coalition thanks Governor Dannel P. Malloy for his commitment to fill the gap in Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) that our education system is facing. Left unfilled, this 270 million dollar shortfall for 2011-12 would have had a devastating effect on school districts that have already cut budgets drastically.

This means that education cost sharing funding will stay level for the next two years, allowing school districts to maintain some of the positions and programs created by the original ECS funding package that would have been eliminated without the funding.

With costs continuing to rise, we look forward to engaging in the dialog to find solutions to ensure education in Connecticut will be adequately funded for future generations and we applaud Governor Malloy for his commitment to the formation of a task force to study the issue this summer.

The joint efforts of CAFE, CASBO and CAPSS will continue to address new ways to save and increase the quality of education in our state. For regular updates and the latest news on the status of education funding in Connecticut please visit www.whatwillourchildrenlose.com

About the Coalition

The *What Will Our Children Lose?* Initiative was created by the collaborative efforts of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, Connecticut Association of School Business Officials and the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents. As advocates for public education, these organizations pledge to provide information to the community and statewide education leaders in order to find attainable results for their school districts.