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Press Release

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Jamesburg, NJ - The Jamesburg Public Schools will participate in a press conference at 1:00 pm on Friday January 12, 2018, in Room 103 of the New Jersey State House. The conference will serve as a forum to announce the filing of legal action to address the ongoing inequities in the distribution of state aid to schools in New Jersey. This action will be in the form of a petition to the Commissioner of Education.

As one of the petitioners, Jamesburg is one of 96 school districts throughout the State that are both overtaxed and severely underaided -- defined as (a) receiving less than 70% of their state aid; and (b) taxing above 100% of their local fair share. These communities are being shorted some \$739 million in state aid in FY18, and trying to make that up in part by taxing their residents more than \$475 million above the State-calculated local fair share.

Petitioners will include a core coalition of similarly situated districts as well as individual taxpayers and community officials from their respective municipalities. Lead by Newton Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. G. Kennedy Greene, the petitioners are being represented in this action by the Schwartz Edelstein Law Group.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Brian J. Betze, Superintendent at (732) 521-0303, ext. 2200 or bbetze@jamesburg.org.

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