

Let's Build a
Mountain of Mail and
give our students the best
chance for their future!



Let Your Voice Be Heard!!

It's time for Seminole County Public Schools to STAND UP! Please take time to write a personal letter to your local Representative and Senators. Express to them how important the schools are to our community. Did you know that 73% of Seminole County Public School employees live in Seminole County? Drastic cuts to the quality of education will change our way of life and diminish our property values. Education Budget Cuts affect EVERYONE in Seminole County! Use our letters or write your own. The important thing is that you write!

Mountain of Mail Spirit Box

Show Your School Pride!!

Stand Up for SCPS will hand deliver your school's spirit box *stuffed* with letters to each and every Senator and Representative. Make a **WOW!** statement with your spirit box and commitment to your school's future.

Create your Spirit Box now! Ask your art club; student government or crafty PTA volunteers to help!

Place it in the Front Office as an easy letter-drop location.

Bring it to your next PTA event.

Bring it to your Home Owner's Association Meeting and everywhere else there are concerned Seminole County residents.

Make sure your school name is visible!



Dear _____:



As my legislator, it is your paramount duty, as stated in the Florida Constitution, to provide adequate funding for public school education. The residents of Seminole County are demanding that you uphold the law.

Our children in Seminole County Public Schools are facing some of the biggest changes ever made to their education. For the 2012-2013 school year, the Seminole County School Board is discussing how to operate with a \$21,000,000 deficit due to the State of Florida not funding the mandates you have imposed on public education. Some of the suggested budget cuts are closing schools; eliminating arts, technology and athletics; changing to a 4-day week; raising the temperature to an uncomfortable 78 degrees; and many changes to transportation. Without essential electives, extracurricular and athletic programs, many of our high school students will drop out of school students and will face fewer opportunities to win college scholarships. Without a 5th day in the school week, parents are going to have to reach farther into their pockets to pay for childcare.

Seminole County Public Schools is proud to offer a "Triple A Experience" – Academics, Arts, and Athletics. Parents, students and the community do not want to take this away. Our goal is to raise a population of well-rounded, well-educated children who will prosper in society.

With proper and appropriate funding from the State of Florida, Seminole County Public Schools will continue to provide the high quality, award winning education and programs that bring families and businesses to our once affluent county. Without this funding, we stand to lose these families and businesses. The small businesses currently here will feel the economic impact negatively. Currently, more than 70% of our faculty and staff live in our county. In a recent survey, it was discovered that approximately \$900,000 is spent at our small businesses just on Homecoming Dance! Please don't take that away from our county.

Our quality education is threatened. You must do what is right. The Florida Legislature has decided that adequately funding public education, ensuring the success of our children, and the future prosperity of Florida is not a priority. I DISAGREE!

Please do what is right and lawful to ensure that the children of Seminole County receive the best education. Make them a priority! Approve the funding that our school district is promised by the Florida Constitution.

Sincerely,



Dear _____:

I am a student in Seminole County Public Schools. Did you know that our School Board is considering making huge cuts to our quality schools? Did you know they are doing this because you haven't done your job? It is your paramount duty, as stated in the Florida Constitution, to provide adequate funding for public school education. The students of Seminole County are demanding that you do what is right and what is the law.

If the Seminole County School Board has to cut \$21,000,000 out of next year's budget, they might have to cut programs like arts, technology, and athletics. They also are thinking about cutting transportation, closing schools, going to a 4-day week and many other things that will have a huge impact on how we feel about school. How do you expect my friends and me to earn scholarships to college if we can't play in the band, sing in the chorus, or compete in sports? How do you expect us to graduate on time if we don't have the required credits due to our electives being cut?

My parents moved here because of the quality education in Seminole County Public Schools. The well-known "Triple A Experience" – Academics, Arts, and Athletics – is what brought us here. Parents, students, and the community do not want these programs to go away. As students, we want to experience all we can during school, so that we are better prepared for college and beyond.

If you pay the \$22,000,000 minimum that you owe us for the mandates you imposed on our school district, Seminole County Public Schools will continue to provide the high quality, award winning education and programs that we want to experience. Please don't take that away from us.

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Please do what is right and lawful to ensure that the students of Seminole County receive the best education. Make us a priority! Approve the funding that our school district is promised by the Florida Constitution. WE ARE THE FUTURE OF FLORIDA----INVEST IN US!

Sincerely,

Dear _____,

I love my school because...

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

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Signature Suggestions:

Your Name

Registered Voter

Homeowner in Your District

Parent

Student at (Name of School)

Advocate for Children

Advocate for Public Education

Business Owner

Small Business Owner

Homeowner's Association Representative

Anything that will make your voice heard!



**SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
2011**

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