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Dear BOE Members and Superintendents:

Hope this e-mail finds you well. I know the challenges you all face during this very difficult time. I can't imagine how hard your jobs are right now, especially with the changing information from the Governor's office recently.

Governor Murphy is announcing his state budget on Tuesday and we are pushing for new revenue sources and to make sure no funding cuts take place.

One area of importance to me is the issue of mental health. Our legislative office has been getting a lot of e-mails relating to mental health. A number of BOEs have begun taking steps with committees to address the concerns and potential long-term affects of students and teachers as it relates to mental health.

We are looking at legislation as it relates to this but I would love to hear how your individual school district is addressing this issue.

Thank you for all you do

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