



## ***Action Alert***

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### **Help Save Millions for Repairing Schools and Training Teachers in Baltimore City!**

*For the past four years, RHIC has been deeply involved in campaigns to ensure adequate school funding and the improvement of schools serving Reservoir Hill youth. Every year, Reservoir Hill residents have written a lot of letters and made a lot of calls to make sure our schools get the funding they need. This year, RHIC is supporting another campaign to save education funding led by the ACLU's Education Reform Project, and we need you now.*

**There has been considerable progress in protecting education funds in this year's General Assembly**

*~ Most of the proposed state cuts to education were stopped, protecting \$30 million in funding for city schools. ~*

**Yet, two important education cuts have not been restored.**

**Your Timely Support is Crucially Needed!**

#### **Ageing Schools Program**

This state program provides funding for repairing and renovating our old school buildings. Annually, Baltimore City has been getting ~\$2.5 million to repair boilers, aging electrical systems, and leaky roofs. Dozens of health and safety repairs are made to city schools and the program is in the process of being completely zeroed out. If lawmakers vote to cut the program this year, it is likely that it never be fully funded in the years to come.

#### **School Improvement Grants**

The state provides funds for schools-in-improvement status to provide additional programming, including teacher professional education, tutoring and interventions for students. Funds for this program were reduced this year due to state budget constraints. The fiscal year 2010 allowance contains only \$4.8 million for these grants, \$3.9 million less than the fiscal 2009, and \$6.6 million less than the fiscal 2008.

## **Contact All 5 City Legislators**

These state legislators from Baltimore City have key votes in two important committees, which will be making decisions on the budget and the future of the Aging Schools Program and School Improvement Grants. Please call and/or email them to urge them to oppose any cuts and changes to the law for these programs.

*Please notify RHIC by email or phone (410.225.7547, [rgwynallen@reservoirhill.net](mailto:rgwynallen@reservoirhill.net)) of your action so we can continue to have a good count of Reservoir Hill participation.*

### **House Appropriations Committee**

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*Thank You For Supporting Education In Baltimore City!*