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Legislative Advisory Board Recommends Additional Public School Relief Funding

CONCORD - Today, the GOFERR Legislative Advisory Board recommended an additional \$30 million be set aside in a fund for school districts to be able to access to help defray the cost of expenses resulting from COVID-19 in a vote of 4-2.

After the vote, House Finance Chair Mary Jane Wallner (D-Concord) and Senate Finance Chair Lou D'Allesandro (D-Manchester), who both serve on the Governor's Office for Economic Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) Legislative Advisory Board, released the following statement:

"Yesterday, an initial appropriation of CAREs Act funding was made to our public schools and public charter schools based on the discussions of the GOFERR Legislative Advisory Board. However, we know that the amount allocated yesterday by Governor Sununu will be insufficient. 25% of our school districts already have financial needs totaling \$17 million. Our existing schools need immediate, guaranteed help in order to ensure the continuation of our children's education. Our taxpayers need to know that these unexpected costs will not increase their property taxes at the worst possible time. Today's vote was crucial in allowing our schools to keep our children safe, and prepare for additional needs as they arise."

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