Senator XXXX

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Dear Sen. XXXXX:

On behalf of the area education community, thank you for allowing me to meet with

you last week. As you recall, I shared with you that XXX County’s special education

population has declined for the fifth straight year. This decline is a result of the efforts of our

local school districts and (NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT) early childhood programs.

Now that we have accomplished such a tremendous feat, the question now being asked is

“What do we do next?” While it is expected that XXXX County’s special education population

will begin to level-off, it is still important to provide funding for early childhood programs for

future students.

Therefore, I advocate and propose the following legislative action:

1. Make early childhood programming a priority when discussing school aid.

2. Increase funding for Early On and expand the program to offer more assistance to

children ages three and four.

3. Draft a bill that would allow those school districts who are able to reduce their overall

special education populations to be able to use their saved special education dollars

toward their district budgets; investing in existing and new early childhood initiatives.

I would be more than glad to help you develop these ideas further. Please feel free to contact

me directly at …

Thank you again for your time and your commitment to educating our children.

Sincerely,

(SUPERINTENDENT)