

It's about fair funding of public schools, Governor.

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The Central Crisis in New York Education

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These communities and others like them are further disadvantaged by having low property values and by a statewide cap enacted in 2011 that limits what money they are able to raise through property taxes. And last year the New York State United Teachers union said that the cap had been particularly harmful to poorer districts.



In a Jan. 5 editorial, The New York Times called on the governor to face and help fix the real problem with New York's public schools: inadequate funding.

"Governor Cuomo's forthcoming State of the State address is expected to focus on what can be done to improve public education," the Times Board wrote.

"If he is serious about the issue, he'll have to move beyond peripheral concerns and political score-settling and go to the heart of the matter."

"...that the state had not met its constitutional responsibility to ensure adequate school funding..."

It's time to move beyond politics, Gov. Cuomo. Support our future. Fairly fund our public schools.

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