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Adequate school funding is essential for the wellbeing of our communities. Safe and effective educational facilities and curriculum are a necessary and fundamental part of a functioning society. Our teachers and administrators deserve living wages, our children deserve safe environments and meaningful educations as well as access to nutrition and extra-curricular activities. It is my understanding that it is the intention of the state to increase "public safety" funding while decreasing education funding. This shows that the state lacks either a fundamental understanding of the contributing factors to an unsafe and crime-ridden community, or reflects a more sinister reality in which the state does not in fact care about a thriving and safe community but rather empowering and inflating a classist, racist, militaristic system of punishment for those made vulnerable by a society which values profit and militarism over individual and collective wellness and true justice.

As a human, citizen and mother, I implore you to increase funding for our public schools - an investment in a more robust society in the future and the present.

Sincerely,

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