

## **Talking Points on Cuts in Nursing, Technology, and Security**

Governor Christie's Budget eliminated \$9 million in nonpublic school aid in the areas of nursing, technology, and security, in effect negating the increases provided by the Legislature in the Appropriations Act of July 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.

- Nursing is essential to nonpublic schools because the Legislature keeps adding more requirements for the schools, which are the responsibility of the school nurse.
- It is important to tell legislators the story of how needed the nurse is in your own school and how these cuts will affect that service.
- The Nonpublic School Technology program has been funded in a sporadic fashion since the 1998-1999 Budget cycle.
- The effects of the cuts in the technology program should be described to legislators when asking at least for return to the funding levels of this school year.
- The Nonpublic School Security Program, funded at \$50.00 per pupil in June 2016, was completely eliminated in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.
- Nonpublic school pupils deserve the same security provisions as their public school counterparts. Security provisions have already been put in place by the nonpublic schools with the previous year's funding. Please describe in detail these uses to the legislators when arguing the case for restoring the funding and note what security provisions are still lacking.

***The effort to increase Nursing Services funding, the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative, and the Nonpublic School Security Program to their previous level of support can be made in various ways including class projects for letter writing and visits to appropriate legislators.***

***Any trips to Trenton made between now and June by individual classes should include an opportunity to speak to legislators about the status of Nursing Services, the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative, and the Nonpublic School Security Program.***