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ACTION ALERT

ISSUE: In the FY 2016 Appropriations Act, the Legislature provided \$5.7 million to the nonpublic school community for the Nonpublic School Security Aid. Unfortunately, \$2 million of that amount was redirected to Higher Education for an institution of higher education. However, the remaining \$25.00 per pupil was used quite efficiently by nonpublic school administrators to provide additional safety precautions for the schools. Now, because the program exists solely as a result of Budget language instead of encoded in law by statute, we ask that Governor Christie retain the Security Aid language in his FY 2017 State Budget.

OUR POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families have supported the Nonpublic School Security Program since its inception and will be working diligently to retain it in the next budget cycle.

ACTION: Call, write, or email the office of Governor Chris Christie at the address listed below. Use the enclosed Talking Points for further clarification the issue. We encourage group letter writing sessions in schools and any efforts made to contact members of the Governor's staff that you may know personally with regard to this effort. Please note that this initiative is focused strictly on the Governor at this time because the Legislature will not begin developing a Budget until the Governor's Budget has been presented in February.

Address: The Honorable Chris Christie
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The State House
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Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-6000

Email: <http://www.nj.gov/governor/contact/>

Or

You can also contact Governor Christie through the NJCC Voter Voice System
<https://www.voterveice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/43999/Respond>

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