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### STACK WANTS MORE TIME TO DEBATE SCHOOL FUNDING Lame Duck Is Short To Give Issue Attention It Deserves

Assemblyman Brian Stack announced today that he wants to extend the time to consider the as-yet-to-be released school funding formula beyond the few weeks left in the lame duck session, given the critical importance of the issue to New Jersey School children and taxpayers.

In a letter sent today, Stack is asking fellow legislators to make sure there is ample time to review and analyze the formula when it comes out, and give the public the opportunity to weigh in on the proposal.

"With the upcoming holidays, there is almost no time left to give any school funding proposal just due, including the opportunity to develop alternatives," said Stack (D-Union City). "We need to get this complex and critical issue on a much longer timeframe for public and legislative consideration."

Stack underscored his agreement with the Star Ledger editorial on Sunday, demanding that a funding formula not be rushed through in the very little remaining time in this legislative session. Stack also agrees that it is important that the next legislature make the final decision on any formula, since the incoming legislators will have to operate and fund the new formula, not those about to leave office.

Stack also noted that past school funding formulas were also rushed through, only to be found unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. "Let's not repeat the saga of Governor Whitman's funding law, which was quickly adopted with almost no public debate, but seriously shortchanged our public schools and students."

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