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Democrats Support Monroe County Schools

Rochester, New York – February 28, 2008. Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature released the following statement on today's hearing on the so-called F.A.I.R. plan.

Legislator Harry Bronson, D-Rochester, Brighton and Henrietta, said "When faced with a budget deficit of their own making, this Administration chose to pass the buck onto our children. Further compounding the public's disdain for this plan is the manner in which it was passed, which runs contrary to the inclusive form of government this caucus has long stood for."

Legislator Carrie Andrews, D-Rochester, said "With the proposed closing of a Gates Chili Elementary School, we're beginning to see the devastating effects this ill-conceived plan has brought about. Instead of seeking community input, this Administration chose to put forth a plan that was not well thought out. In the future, we truly hope that both the Democratic caucus and our community are involved in a decision of this magnitude."

Legislator Cindy Kaleh, D-Irondequoit, said "The F.A.I.R. plan has been a disaster since the day this Administration sent it to the Legislature. It is unconscionable that my colleagues on the other side chose to put their party loyalty ahead of the best interests of our children. At this time of great economic uncertainty, we must support our children, not steal their education funding under a ludicrously named plan."

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