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During this electoral season, Senate Republican candidates have been distorting the record about public school funding.

They accuse members of the Senate Democratic Conference of “underfunding” upstate schools and delivering “fewer education dollars for our schools.”

The facts prove
Senate Republicans
WRONG

But an examination of the budget proposal tells a different story.

During the 2014 budget season, Governor Andrew Cuomo proposed \$608 million for schools. The Senate’s Republican-led majority proposed only \$204 million more than the Governor for schools throughout the state. The Senate Democratic conference rejected the plan as inadequate. They fought to increase it by two and one half times to \$512 million. Of the additional \$308 million they won, \$146 million went to upstate schools.

As a consequence, school funding totaled \$1.12 billion, almost twice as much as the governor originally proposed.

The truth is this: the five upstate Senate Democrats fought for more funding for upstate schools and they delivered two and a half times more than the Republican budget proposal. The Democrats’ rejection of the Republican budget proposal was crucial to efforts to secure additional school aid and to defeat the proposed state taxpayer subsidies for private schools and privately run charter schools.

The Senate Republican campaign mailers, claiming that they are championing upstate school needs, are distorting the truth.

The Upstate Senate Democrats fought hard for more school aid.

The result was more than two and half times more funding than Senate Republicans proposed

Democratic Senators Fought and Won More School Aid for Upstate

Below is the Senate District breakdown of the additional \$146 million in upstate school aid that Senate Democrats fought for and won.

Senate District	Additional Funding Won by Senate Democrats
*34	\$ 1,848,178
35	\$ 5,254,040
*36	\$ 1,477,276
37	\$ 5,650,508
38	\$ 4,245,878
39	\$ 5,566,197
40	\$ 4,873,171
41	\$ 3,716,674
42	\$ 6,651,055
43	\$ 4,223,606
44	\$ 5,283,204
45	\$ 5,975,171
46	\$ 3,924,748
47	\$ 7,230,617
48	\$ 6,789,696
49	\$ 5,514,472
50	\$ 10,635,887
51	\$ 6,522,330
52	\$ 6,920,083
53	\$ 7,902,941
54	\$ 6,760,392
55	\$ 10,313,035
56	\$ 11,138,345
57	\$ 6,127,716
58	\$ 5,129,208
59	\$ 4,986,237
60	\$ 10,970,810
61	\$ 11,801,752
62	\$ 5,364,490
63	\$ 9,641,278

*Includes the part of the Senate District that is outside NYC

Methodology

This report used data from the Enacted Budget 2014-15 school aid runs published by the NYS Education Department. To calculate the amount that members of the Senate Democratic Conference won, we first calculated the increase from the Executive Budget to the Enacted by subtracting from the Enacted Budget 201415 Total Aid (excluding building aid and building reorganization aid), the Executive Budget Total Aid amount for each school district. We then use that distribution to estimate the additional amount that each school district was able to get in the final budget with the \$308 million that was added on top of the Republican-led Senate majority one house budget bill. School Districts in more than one Senate District were only counted once in the total amount of school aid for upstate schools.

SD	Name
34	Jeffrey Klein
35	Andrea Stewart-Cousins
36	Ruth Hassell-Thompson
37	George Latimer
38	David Carlucci
39	William J. Larkin, Jr.
40	Greg Ball
41	Terry Gipson
42	John J. Bonacic
43	Kathleen Marchione
44	Neil D. Breslin
45	Elizabeth O’C. Little
46	Cecelia Tkaczyk
47	Joseph Griffo
48	Patricial Ritchie
49	Hugh T. Farley
50	John A. DeFrancisco
51	James L. Seward
52	Thomas W. Libous
53	David J. Valesky
54	Michael F. Nozzolio
55	Ted O’Brien
56	Joseph E. Robach
57	Catharine M. Young
58	Thomas O’Mara
59	Patrick Gallivan
60	Mark Grisanti
61	Michael Ranzenhofer
62	George D. Maziarz
63	Timothy Kennedy

