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Dear Parents,

As the budget process in Harrisburg approaches the June 30 deadline, it appears that there may be significant cuts in funding for the nonpublic textbooks and materials program and the student auxiliary services.

Since public schools will receive an increase in their subsidy for 2009-10, nonpublic schools are asking for equity with a proportional increase in their subsidy as well.

Please contact your state senator and state representative and ask that they support equitable funding for the textbook, materials and auxiliary services program. The cuts, as currently proposed, will negatively impact our schools.

Thank you for your support at this critical time in the budget process.

God bless you and your families! May the Holy Spirit enlighten our legislators at this most critical time!

Prayerfully,

Sister Catherine Irene Masino, IHM