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To the members of the North Lake School Board:

I received your letter, and I would like to thank you for taking the time to contact me and express your concerns regarding funding for the North Lake School District.

As you know, the state school funding model utilizes an equalization formula designed to equalize the amount of state aid each district receives based on a variety of factors such as the tax base value, enrollment, and shared costs.

The major objective of the equalization aid formula is tax base equalization to minimize the differences among school districts' abilities to raise revenue for programs. Based on the outcomes the state has seen since its implementation, there are currently no plans to alter or remove the funding model for education.

Because enrollment is a key factor in the funding calculations, as enrollment decreases, the state aid that district receives decreases accordingly. In order to address the enrollment issue, one suggestion would be for North Lake to consolidate with the surrounding school districts that make up Arrowhead Union.

Regarding the referendum, it is up for residents to decide if they want their taxes to increase to meet the needs of the school.

I have always supported North Lake's mission, and will do everything I can to support the school, but unfortunately there is not much I can do to help in this situation. At the end of the day, these decisions are made at the local level.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please reach out to my office if there is any way I can be of assistance to you as you navigate this process.

Sincerely,

Representative Cindi Duchow

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