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Banking on their Future

Tom McKevitt knows the most important thing we can do for the future is ensure children in our community have the best possible education. That's why he's getting Albany to make the investment in their future and in our future.

- The **2014-15 State Budget** increases school aid by 5.5 percent. This is the third consecutive school aid increase, totaling a nearly $3 billion investment over the last three years.
- **Common Core** has caused concerns with students, parents and educators, and Tom brought that feedback to Albany. After hosting public hearings with his like-minded colleagues, **the APPLE Plan** was developed as the solution to Common Core. The plan eases the testing transition, encourages teacher involvement and assures equity for special education students, as well as puts safeguards in place to protect student data. Learn more about the APPLE Plan or download a copy of the report, "At the Educational Crossroads," online at bit.ly/educationalcrossroads or contact Tom's office.
- Tom and his colleagues continue to work to eliminate the 2010 education cuts known as the **Gap Elimination Adjustment** (GEA) by providing $602.1 million in additional funding this year and calling for enactment of legislation (A.8295-A) requiring the state to pay off this debt to schools by 2016.
- **School safety** remains a top concern for Tom and he is working in Albany to ensure our schools are safer with school resource officers and creation of a school psychologist license.

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