

**Albany's Cookie-Cutter
Approach to Education
is Failing Our Children.**

**Assemblyman Mark Johns Knows
Our Children Need a Better
Education Formula**



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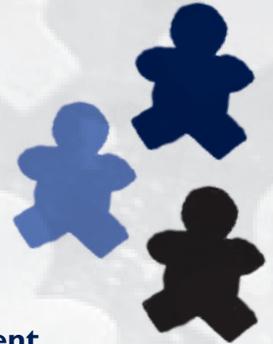
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knows our children are not cookie-cutters – and that the current education funding formula is leaving too many schools in the Rochester area shortchanged.

That's why he's working to reform the process, protect our schools and ensure our children have the best education.



Common Core has caused concerns with students, parents and educators, and Mark brought that feedback to Albany. After hosting public forums 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 Mark’s office.**

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.

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Mark 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 Mark and he is working in Albany to increase education aid, allowing our schools to upgrade security measures and improve school safety for all of our children.

