Sample Letter

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to urge you to restore the funding statewide that has been cut in the Governor’s proposed budget for the School-Based Youth Services Programs (SBYSPs)!!!!

On Tuesday, August 25, 2020, Governor Murphy released the proposed FY2021 State Budget, which contains no funding for the School-Based Youth Services Programs. The State of New Jersey is planning to eliminate all School-Based Youth Services programs throughout the State of New Jersey as of Sept 30th, 2020!

The more than 90 School-Based Youth Services Programs throughout the State provide critical services to youth in need right within their school. Counseling, substance abuse education and prevention, employment counseling, health awareness, and linkage to other supports are available to students at no cost – all these programs to help students succeed! School-Based Youth Services programs literally save lives.

This year, all students throughout the State are coping with the pandemic. Many have lost loved ones to Covid-19. Many students are feeling socially isolated, away from their friends, and are anxious about coming back to school this year. How could these programs be cut at a time when these children and youth need them most?

Please restore funding for all the School-Based Youth Services Programs throughout New Jersey. The budget cannot be balanced on the backs of children and youth in need, especially in these uncertain times.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (insert your contact information).

Thank you for your consideration and please invest in our most precious assets – our children.

Sincerely,

(Insert your Name/Title/etc.)