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Lobby Day - 2008

On February 25th and 26th a contingent of NCCFT members: Frank Frisenda, Michael Anzelone, Janet Johnson, and Jean Miller attended a NYSUT event, Higher Education Lobby Day in Albany, NY. Over a five-hour period, we met with twelve of our Assembly/Senate members to discuss the 2008-09 Executive Budget for

Higher Education, which, if passed, as currently proposed by the governor's office, would undermine our efforts to provide a quality, affordable education for our students. For those of you in attendance at our Dec 7th State Legislators Brunch, we requested our legislators to support a \$200 per FTE increase. Not only does

the recent proposal fall far short of this request, but also actually decreases the current FTE funding by \$50. It is clear the governor's office is failing to deliver on its many promises to support higher education. This proposal lowers the state community college contribution approximately 25%, well short of the intended 33.3% mandate. How would this budget affect NCC? Re-

ducing the state's FTE contribution by \$50 translates into a loss of approximately \$900,000 for our college. In addition, the 2008-09 college budget had included an anticipated \$100 per FTE increase from the state's contributions. With the \$100 increase not forthcoming, and the \$50 decrease, the college can expect to be minus

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\$2,700,000 in next year's budget. In an effort to rally support for additional funds for higher education, we need to make our voices heard. I urge each of you to contact your state legislators and let them know where we stand on this very important issue. We want legislators to: Restore the FTE cut and increase funding for Base Aid; Increase aid for high cost Public Health Pro-

grams and other high-cost programs; Provide funding for the Community College Optional Retirement Program (ORP) costs.

The website directory is <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils/legislature/legis.html>

BE A LOBBYIST – lobby by fax-
<http://www.nysut.org> Under resources, click on Legislative Action Center and Contact Your Elected Officials.

SAVE THE DATE! TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 11:30-12:45 - CCB Multipurpose Room "Building the Future, One Student at a Time". Join your fellow NCCFT colleagues for the annual Nassau County Legislators Luncheon. This year we will be highlighting the multi-faceted

talents of our interior design, fashion, apparel design and music students. Look for your invitation, which will be sent shortly. RSVP for this event early, as it will fill quickly.

Janet Johnson and Jean Miller
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