

# ACTION ALERT

**ISSUE:** S-1872(Lesniak, Kean)/A-2810(Fuentes, De Croce) – the Opportunity Scholarship Act remains in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee in the Senate.

**POSITION:** The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families support the bill and have worked consistently for its passage.

**ACTION:** Please maintain the following steps with respect to the passage of the bill:

Continue to Email, call, and visit the offices of the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (see attached list). Identify yourselves as members of the OLS community and send [RiaRocco@hotmail.com](mailto:RiaRocco@hotmail.com) a note saying you contacted his office and how. We are gathering statistics to present.

Also please ask Senator Paul Sarlo, Chair of the Committee to schedule the bill for a hearing and a vote in his committee.

**The Honorable Paul Sarlo Chair (D)**  
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1. Call your Senator regarding the legislation and indicate your support for S-1872. Ask that your Senator speak with his or her colleagues on the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee indicating that this is an important bill for your Senator's constituents.
2. Email, call, or visit the members of the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee (see attached list) to express your support for A-2810. Ask Assemblyman Albert Coutinho to schedule the bill for a hearing and vote.
3. Call the members of the New Jersey Assembly in your own district to ask for their support for A-2810. Ask them to speak with their colleagues on the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee to express their support.

**This Alert should continue with contact being made on a regular basis, even during the time when the legislature is not in session this summer. Please pass this on to several of your relatives, friends, and neighbors to ask for their support as well.**

Sample Email

**To:** [SenSarlo@njleg.org](mailto:SenSarlo@njleg.org), [SenStack@njleg.org](mailto:SenStack@njleg.org), [SenBeach@njleg.org](mailto:SenBeach@njleg.org), [SenBucco@njleg.org](mailto:SenBucco@njleg.org),  
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**From:** YOU

**Subject:** S-1872(Lesniak, Kean)/A-2810(Fuentes, De Croce) – the Opportunity Scholarship Act

Dear Senators:

I am a parent of a student at Our Lady of Sorrows school in Mercerville, NJ. Please to urge your fellow Legislators on the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Economic and Commerce Committee to support S-1872/A-2810, the Opportunity Scholarship Act, when it appears before their committee. The bill is extremely important to students who reside in a district with a chronically failing school and meet the criteria of poverty eligibility in the bill (2.5 times the current poverty standard). The bill would create an opportunity for children to attend a school of their parents' choice that would participate in the Opportunity Scholarship Act. There would be no loss of revenue for public schools, and districts having chronically failing schools would be able to apply for a special grant program, called the Education Improvement Fund, for additional resources.

Respectfully,

Your Name,.