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Dear Community Member,

The tuition crisis is one of the most important issues facing our community today. Government funding has long been viewed as a critical means to alleviate this problem and bring in new revenue sources into our most important institutions, our schools and our most precious assets, our children.

Last year, due to the efforts of Teach NYS over \$150 million dollars for over two dozen government programs was allocated to NY Yeshivot and well over \$10 million to just our schools alone. Included in this funding was a transformational program - the first-ever passage of legislation to have the state of New York begin to reimburse Yeshivot for the cost of Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) teachers - the first time in American history that the government will begin to pay for the secular side of instruction.

On March 13th, we plan to join Teach NYS for a one day Mission to Albany, along with over 1,000 other students, parents, and activists to urge the legislature to continue this important precedent and discuss how much this funding means to our community. We urge you to join us on the mission, to spend the day lobbying and advocating for support of our schools. This day is a crucial moment in the 2018 Legislative Session, where our State Senators and Assembly members hear our voices and see our strength. Please join many other members of our community, including for this important day. For more information and to sign up, email Sydney Altfield at altfields@ou.org

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