

Dear Mrs. Governor,

Today I come to you.

You signed a raise for my teacher but there is more you can do.

I was home sick Monday so I didn't get to walk.

But I hope you will give me a moment so we can talk.

My teachers walked out to make my future more bright.

But for basic education she shouldn't have to fight.

Many of my friends wonder what will happen if we don't get the money.

It's a scary situation and no one finds it funny.

We see bridges with horses and trolley cars downtown.

How much did that cost? What not a sound?

We are at school some days without heating or air.

But our teacher find ways to keep us comfortable because she cares.

She takes money out of her pocket to make things fun.

But that's not fair to her and shouldn't have to be done.

I have friends that need things that their parents can't do.

But there is always someone who will. My teacher that's who.

Our school is losing programs like music and art.

So giving teachers a raise is only
a start.

We get student teachers that are
bright as can be

But we lose them to other states
because they can't work for free.

I have friends that need services
like reading and speech.

But without funding there is no one
to teach.

Most parents can't afford private schools
and with all these false promises,

you must think our teachers are fools.
How do you expect us to learn if there

are no resources to share?

Your limiting my future, is that really fair?
So Dear Mrs Governor, I come to you
with a plea.

You are a mom, with a child just like me.
Please search your heart and do

what's right.

Step up to legislation and help us fight.
Fight for funding, resources and my
education please.

Because without change, I have no
future to seize.

Knowledge is power but without funds
there is none.

It takes ~~one~~ only one person to get
funding past and you are the one!

Dear Mrs Governor, I know you have
a lot on your plate.

But this problem is big and your
answer cant wait.

So today in the middle of all of
this drama.

Please dont think like a politician think
like a mamma.

I'm not listening to negative or what
others will say

Because I know in my heart you will
find a way.

Thank you for listening while I took
time to share

Now lets get busy and show these
schools that you care!

-Kati Nelmark
age 9