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Good Evening,

Education is the staple of our society. Do you know who needs public education the most? Those whose parents aren't rich, those whose parents won't speak up for them, those whose parents hardly know they're there.

I am begging you, on behalf of all of those students who haven't been given even half of a fair shake at life through no fault of their own, to not cut education funding.

I'm a Special Education teacher. The middle school I work at was just told that we'll be losing a Teaching Assistant next year. That brings us down to two. Your cuts are affecting every single student in every single school.

PLEASE keep your promise.

PLEASE fund education.

PLEASE stop robbing our children's futures just to give undeserved handouts to big oil companies.

You've heard it before, but please remember that for many of the children you fail by cutting funding, you'll actually end up spending more on when they grow up.

Also - by playing these games, you are losing AMAZING teachers. I personally know 5 AMAZING teachers who either have quit or are quitting after this year because they can't stand living with the lack of respect, support and adequate funding for our difficult line of work. Keep cutting funding and the best teachers in our state will quit, because they won't be able to mentally or emotionally live with the climate you're pointing us towards. Remember, our work environment, is students learning environment.

Please keep your promise. Actually, I plead with you to do better, INCREASE the funding for public education. You can't go wrong with a well educated society.

Respectfully,  
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Sent from my iPhone