



## EPP UPDATE

January 20, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, we have been meeting with the Governor's staff about including the EPPs in the proposed state budget. The preliminary version of the budget released Tuesday night did not include them. However, we are at the very beginning of this process. The final budget is due April 1. The Governor now has 30 days to include amendments to the budget. We continue to meet with the Governor's office to work out the strongest possible EPP language for inclusion in the budget.

If the Governor does not include the EPP in the proposed budget, the next step is the Senate and Assembly introducing their budget bills. We will work very closely with both houses to put the best possible EPP language in their budgets. At that point, the Governor, Senate and Assembly begin negotiating the final budget.

While we had hoped to be in the Governor's initial budget, we have a long way to go in this process. Recording Secretary Jimmy Hedge and I will be testifying in Albany on February 14, 2017 before the joint Assembly and Senate Education Budget committee to brief them on the need for the EPP. As you know, the Senate and the Assembly already voted to approve the EPPs.

We will, of course, keep you apprised of all developments.

In solidarity,

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And the Executive Board