

APPENDIX

**Statement of Bret Schundler
October 7, 2010**

I made an editing error that contributed to New Jersey not winning a federal education grant.

Now I am hoping legislators don't use my error as an excuse to let education reform in New Jersey die. That would keep some special interests happy, but it would hurt our children far more than the loss of grant money.

The education reforms we proposed in our Race to The Top application are utterly non-partisan. President Obama supports them. Governor Christie supports them. Education scholars on both the left and right support them. And parents support them.

I hope Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature finish will come together and work to pass the critical education reforms in New Jersey's Race to The Top application. After all, it was that set of reforms which President Obama's grant money was intended to encourage in the first place.

We have an opportunity to increase the learning and life opportunities of every child in New Jersey. We need to put politics aside and do the right thing for them.