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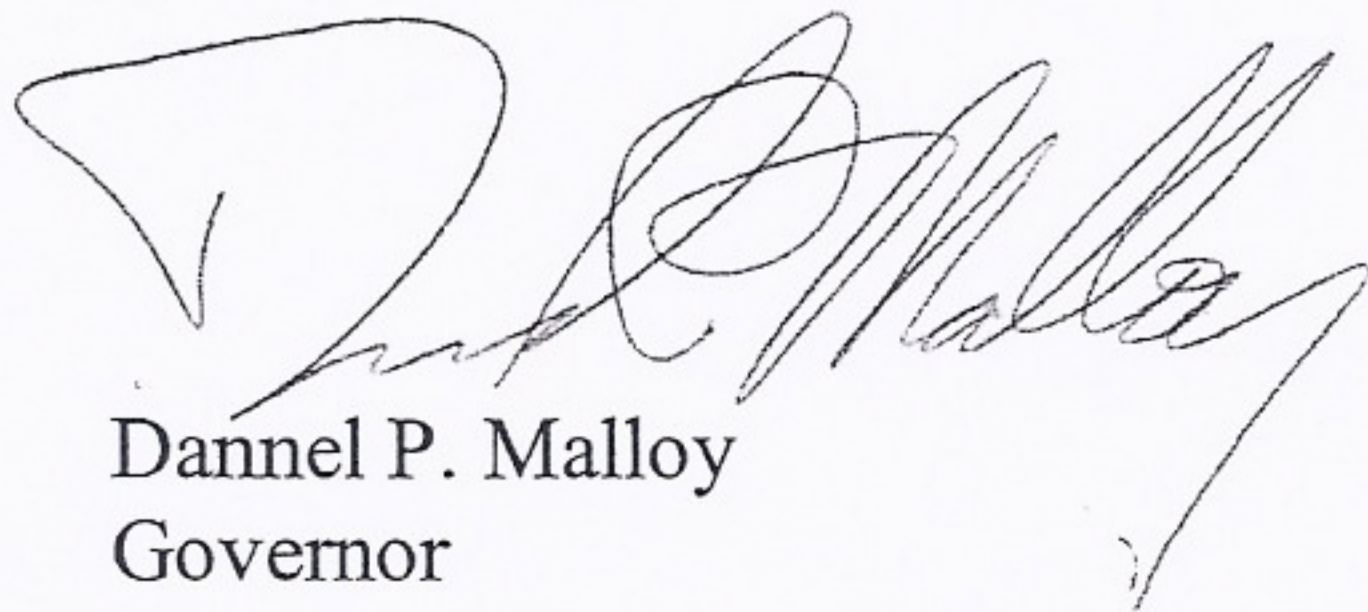
Dear Members of the ECS Taskforce:

Thank you all for your service thus far. I know that you have been meeting regularly, have accepted considerable input from various interested parties, and begun to deliberate on what changes to our school funding formula you will recommend. I commend you for all of these efforts.

As we approach your deadline for an interim report, I would like to personally encourage you to consider advancing a bold agenda for school finance reform. As you know, I intend to have education be the signature issue of the 2012 legislative program, and I believe that ECS needs to be part of that. If you as a task force can develop recommendations for comprehensive ECS reform in January, I will be able to reflect those recommendations in the school reform program that I intend to submit to the legislature in February.

I know that time is short, but this is an issue of critical importance, and every year we wait is a lost opportunity for our children. I also know that law establishing the task force gives you until October to finalize your recommendations. Nevertheless, I urge you to provide interim advice that will help me and my administration to make recommendations that will substantially advance our goal of ECS reform that will support our goals for all education.

Again, thank you for your efforts, and I look forward to your recommendations next month.



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