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Foundation Aid Formula:

Good [morning/afternoon/evening], my friends, gather near, To talk about a topic that's both urgent and dear.

The Foundation Aid formula, designed to be just, Needs a fresh look, and in this, we trust.

It aimed to give every child a fair chance, Regardless of background, a great educational dance.

Yet time has shown, as the years have flown, This formula's flaws have steadily grown.

Successes, we've seen, with gaps bridged wide, But our changing world, it cannot hide.

More students with needs, special and vast, Yet the formula's stuck, rooted in the past.

Costs of education have soared so high, Inflation, tech, and salaries in the sky.

Schools face cuts, programs fall away, Leaving students in dismay.

Dreams about doctors, and teachers and even an engineer to be, But the school, with funds, cannot agree.

AP courses gone, resources so few, the path to success, clouded and blue.

To fix these woes, we need a plan, A dynamic formula, for every woman and man.

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Let's start with funding, high-needs first, For those in poverty, where the need is worst.

Adjust for cost, inflation, and more, So schools aren't struggling, as they were before.

Engage the community, hear their voice, In crafting the aid, let them have a choice.

Transparency is key, let's be clear, With funds well spent, there's nothing to fear.

Support innovation, let new ideas fly, Invest in tech and skills, let ambitions reach the sky.

And long-term plans, we must foresee, A future where all students can be free.

A sustainable system, adapting with grace, Ensuring education keeps pace.

In closing, this isn't just numbers or charts, It's about the future, it's about hearts.

For every child in New York, we must strive, For equity and opportunity, to truly thrive.

Thank you for listening, for your care so bright, Together we'll ensure our future is right.

Let's stand and act, make the changes we must, In the power of education, we place our trust

