



**Summary of Plaintiffs' Remedy Request  
Before the New York Court of Appeals  
in Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. v. State of New York**

January 31, 2003

In seeking a reversal of the Appellate Division decision, CFE asks the Court to issue an order which:

1. Declares that Art. XI, § 1 of the New York State Constitution requires the State to ensure that the public schools provide all students the opportunity to obtain an adequate high school education, one that prepares them for competitive employment and to function as capable and productive civic participants, and that the State must assure that the following essential resources be provided:
  - A. Sufficient numbers of qualified teachers, principals and other personnel.
  - B. Appropriate class sizes.
  - C. Adequate and accessible school buildings with sufficient space to ensure appropriate class size and implementation of a sound curriculum.
  - D. Sufficient and up-to-date books, supplies, libraries, educational technology and laboratories.
  - E. Suitable curriculum, including an expanded platform of programs to help at-risk students by giving them "more time on task."
  - F. Adequate resources for students with extraordinary needs.
  - G. A safe, orderly environment.
2. Declares that the state education finance system violates Article XI § 1 of the New York State Constitution, and the regulations of Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. Directs the State to promptly take such action as may be necessary to provide all students with the opportunity to obtain a sound basic education in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A. Ascertain, to the extent possible, the actual costs of the resources needed to provide the opportunity for a sound basic education in all school districts in the state through a thorough objective costing-out study.
  - B. Ensure that every school district has sufficient funds, taking into account variations in local costs, to provide the opportunity for a sound basic education to students in all of its schools.
  - C. Establish a comprehensive accountability system that will 1) ensure that funds are efficiently utilized to produce the conditions for teaching and learning necessary to enable schools to provide all students the opportunity for a sound basic education; 2) involve members of local school communities in taking responsibility for creating in their schools a climate conducive to effective teaching and learning; 3) ensure that the state education finance system is as comprehensible to the public as possible and provides sustained, stable funding that will promote effective long-term planning by school districts.
4. Orders the State within six months to initiate the studies and activities required by the remedial guidelines and directs the trial court to establish appropriate time lines for full implementation of the reforms needed to redress the constitutional violations herein and to retain jurisdiction over this matter until they have been corrected.