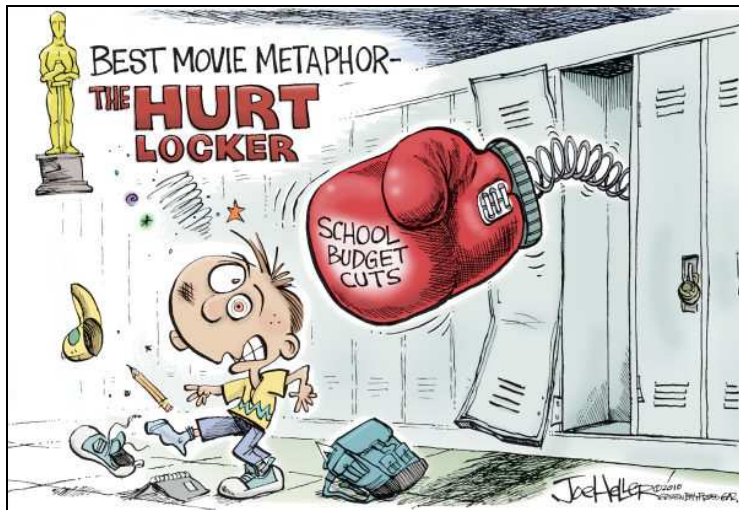


Fund Schools, NOT Wars



School Budgets by Joe Heller at Green Bay Press Gazette (3/10/10)

Our public schools and state universities are facing serious budget cuts, layoffs, and tuition hikes.

The proposed budget cuts from our local school districts were reported :

East Ramapo:	\$10 million
Clarkstown:	\$5.9 million
North Rockland:	\$3 million
Nanuet:	\$0.8 million
SUNY:	\$118 million

Why should our children suffer from school budget cuts? Where does our tax money go?

At least 44% of our tax revenues are gobbled up for military spending.

The money that could be used here, at home, is fighting wars in Afghanistan and Iraq! These wars are the single biggest drain on the federal budget, \$976 billion since 2001.

The war cost to Rockland County taxpayers is \$2.2 billion so far (\$22,000 paid by each Rockland family). This money could have provided:

- 25,735 Elementary School Teachers for One Year, or
 - 362,575 Scholarships for University Students for One Year
- (Source: www.nationalpriorities.org)

Congress has appropriated an additional \$136.8 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for the 2010 fiscal year (**The Rockland County share: \$308 million**). **Clearly, there is more than enough money to cover the proposed school budget cuts, if the U.S. were to immediately withdraw all troops from these unpopular wars.**

Why should the U.S. wage wars for oil and gas pipelines?
Funding the wars is killing our troops and the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.
Ending the wars will restore billions of dollars for domestic needs.



Join our 386th Peace Vigil to end the wars!
Every Saturday, 1-3pm, at Rte. 59 & N. Middletown Rd. in Nanuet, NY
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