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FW: school funding and budget

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Hello. I am out of town this week and unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night. Since I will not be able to participate in the public comment period (about which I'm sure you're very disappointed) I wanted to share a few thoughts in advance of the meeting.

First, I very much appreciate that when faced with a budget shortfall last year, the board listened to the community with respect to the preference to cut resource classes instead of classroom teachers. My preference is again that resources that may be replaced by after school activities be cut first. I know the budget deficit is larger this year but anything that saves a classroom teacher and keeps class sizes down for a grade is preferred.

Second, with respect to advocacy regarding fair funding, I again ask that the board be more active in leading the community. For example, why did Kids for the Community organize the sending of valentines, rather than the school board? It seems that the board should be taking the lead on any action. I've seen social media posts about meetings in other school districts between legislators and community members and believe that other boards have organized letter writing campaigns in a more aggressive manner than anything I've seen from this board. As Chesterfield is the most underfunded school district, we should be taking the lead in the fair funding fight.

While I am hoping that the community comes out in force at the meeting this week, I know there will be people unable to attend. Please promptly inform the public of the action that will be taken, whether the board and/or township committee designate official representatives to speak for them, and what the public should be doing for participate in the fight. Please provide dates of key hearings as soon as they are known, and send notification of these dates home via hard copy notices and email blasts. Perhaps the board can appoint a spokesperson for social media accounts so that the word may be officially spread via social media as well.

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Regards,

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