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Subject: Fw: Concerning the board of finance budget discussion

Please add to agenda correspondence for tonight's meeting.
thank you

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Subject: Concerning the board of finance budget discussion

Good afternoon,

I am sending this letter to the board of finance to express my sincere hope that you follow the advisory question results on both the board of Ed and town budgets. The numbers were clear that the majority of voters (whether they voted yes or no) felt that both budgets were too low and that sends a resounding message. Throughout the budget process, I have attended meetings and spoke during public comment (as have many others) in the hopes that our voices would be heard. When they were not heard, many of us were left feeling frustrated and for the first time ever, I voted no on both budgets and marked too low. I have never in my voting life voted against an education budget. I always have voted yes and too low as I feel they are often too low. In this case, they were too low to accept especially when we were told that public comments are not being taken into account as the decision was being made. I urge you to hear what people are saying. Do not mess with the numbers or attempt to "interpret" them in any other way than what they clearly say. Those who voted are telling you that the budgets are too low. Your job is now to take that input into consideration, remembering that you represent all your constituents. I hope you look to increase the board of Ed budget to allow for the inclusion of the needed staff (kindergarten, paraprofessionals and language teacher), a normal band program (not pay to play) and hopefully some money to continue maintaining the beautiful buildings we are lucky enough to have. I will be there tomorrow but noticed public comment was left until after you have a discussion so I wanted to be sure to make a comment prior to the meeting.

Please listen to the voters who came out for the referendum. They sent a clear message. I truly hope you take that to heart.

Jennifer Sevigny
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