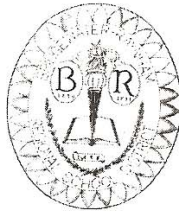


# BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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From: Kathleen Macedo, Director of Business Services

Date: June 2, 2009

Subject: FURTHER REDUCTIONS BASED ON LOWERED ASSESSMENTS

As you are aware, our current budget which is at level spending for Raynham and \$461,732 in additional funds from Bridgewater has resulted in reductions in the areas of teaching services, textbooks, and supplies and materials. Staffing levels have been reduced significantly from 652 FTEs in Fiscal Year 2008 and 569 in Fiscal Year 2009 to an estimated 495 FTEs for Fiscal Year 2010. Our classes throughout the District are in the mid thirty range.

If the budget should be further reduced to level funding for Bridgewater, this would result in a proportionate amount of reduction for Raynham, which combined would total \$730,589. In order to cover this shortage, the District may need to consider cutting all athletic programs and extracurricular activities. While this would cover most of the difference, we would still need to reduce the budget by another \$150,000. This most likely would be in done by further reducing in the area of staff.

If the budget was to be further reduced by an additional \$200,000 on top of the \$461,732 for a total reduction of Bridgewater Assessment of \$661,732, this would result in a proportionate amount of reduction for Raynham, which combined would total \$1,047,044. As indicated above, athletic and extracurricular programs would be cut and the reduction in staff would need to increase from \$150,000 to \$466,207.

Since our class sizes are already at the mid thirties under the current programming guidelines posed by the School Committee, it would appear we would need to re-consider our current program of studies. This would probably result in the need to cut staff in the areas of art, music, and physical education. Under the current teacher contract, this would require the District to shorten the school day in order to allow for contractual obligations.

If the budget was further reduced by an additional \$500,000 on top of the \$461,732 for a total reduction of the Bridgewater Assessment of \$961,732, this would result in a proportionate amount of reduction for Raynham, which combined would total \$1,521,728. At this point we would need to increase the staff reduction to \$940,891 and if the assessment were reduced to the minimum contribution plus transportation (we are obligated by law to provide), the reduction to staff would be \$1,201,755. As a last resort, the School Committee may request from the Commissioner a waiver to close school early, thereby, shortening the school year.