

## David Campo

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Mr. Campo,

After watching the RTM meeting where the BOE budget was voted to be cut, I am very concerned about our schools in the coming year.

Now is not the time to make cuts to the agreed upon budget, we need to support our schools and teachers now more than ever. We have some children who will be returning to school behind due to distance learning, emotionally traumatized from illness or deaths to family or friends, or simply the effects of social isolation. Furthermore, nobody even knows what additional costs may be accrued if schools are unable to operate as normal next year. Schools will need more resources to support students and teachers in this transition back to classrooms.

I do not believe the claims that small changes to perceived inefficiencies will be enough to make up this difference in the budget, and valuable programs and staff WILL be cut. Furthermore, no RTM voter gave any indication that they had any sort of plan to find the line items to be cut. This usually means the "extras" will be left unsupported. Things like the arts. Support programs. Sports. Our kids need this enrichment to have a complete education, and plenty of studies have shown its importance to academic achievement as a whole. In particular, Waterford's value of the arts is one reason our family chose to move to this town. This is a critical time for our schools, our teachers, our kids. The town will be turning their backs on them if this budget cut stands.

Thank you,  
Kelly Hurrell

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