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On Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:15 AM, Keith Ferguson <keith@fergs.us> wrote:

The source is on the front page of my presentation. The URL.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2017, at 6:43 AM, Manno, Christopher <[cmanno4173@bcSDny.org](mailto:cmanno4173@bcSDny.org)> wrote:

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Appreciate your work.

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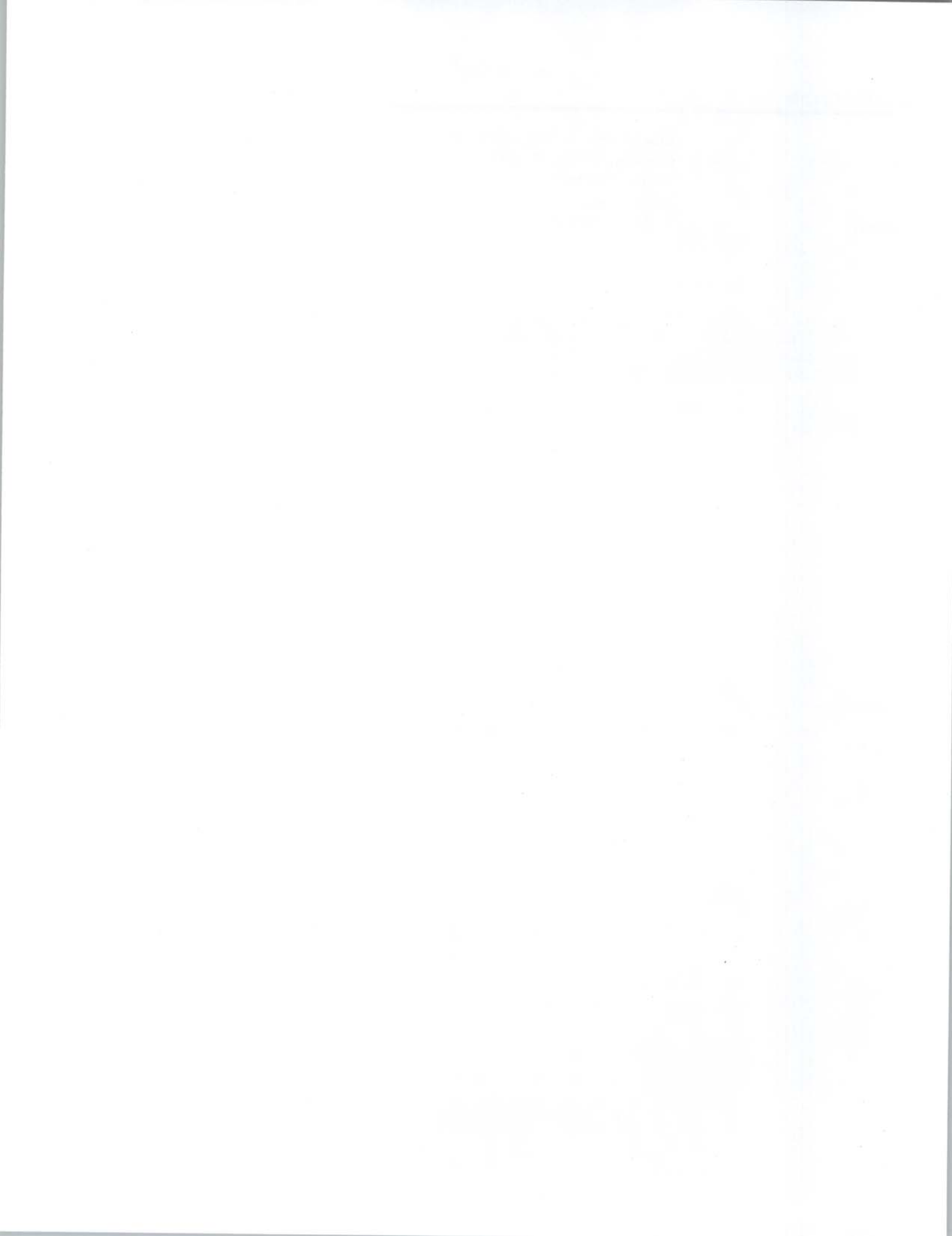
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BCSDTogether currently has up a suggested letter and legislators' emails. [Action Center - BCSD Together](#)

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We have had some activity on that page, but do not have a tool that collects data on letters actually sent. We can modify that information and link to Voter Voice if someone else can finance it. Unfortunately we do not have any funding.

Providing the letter and legislators' emails can be effective (in the absence of Voter Voice, or another such tool) if we can get help to increase the visibility. PTA's aggressively sharing the need to send letters will likely increase activity. Perhaps there could be a discussion at the board meeting that a group of citizens have an advocacy effort that benefits the district.

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step to provide a tool such as Voter Voice for residents to push out the letters. That would be an impermissible use of public funds. We've gone just about as far as we can.

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FYI this was distributed today. Hoping lots of folks will register.

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**The BCSD Board of Education and the Mount Kisco Village Board encourages all of our residents to stay up to date on BCSD information. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Manno publishes an e-newsletter containing valuable community information.**

**The link is~**

<https://www.smore.com/h5n6k>

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Below is link to the proposed 2017/18 budget runs. (BCSD pg 141)  
<https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/executive/eBudget1718/fy18localities/schoolaid/1718schoolruns.pdf>

Number from executive office looks like just under \$70,000 increase. (I don't know if this reflects the recommended changes noted in the article above.) I do know it's not enough. Need to get the district-wide advocacy going to legislators.

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By Keshia Clukey

01/18/2017 08:14 PM EDT

ALBANY — Gov. Andrew Cuomo's 2017-18 executive budget proposal includes several changes to the state's decade-old school aid formula, updating it as well as releasing him from a phase-in put in place under former governor Eliot Spitzer.

While state education groups applauded some of the changes, especially the elimination of a cap that will allow more aid to go to the state's neediest districts, they expressed concern over dropping the phase-in, accusing the governor of repealing the formula.

"He's not leveling the playing field, he's not moving the goal post," Statewide School Finance Consortium executive director Rick Timbs told POLITICO New York. "He's building a brand new field with different dimensions. It's a brand new game."

Striking the phase-in portion of the formula from the budget wipes away the formula's attempts to create a "more equitable, adequate, predictable and sustainable distribution of aid," Timbs said, questioning what the change would mean for aid in future budgets. Districts would be owed \$4.3 billion if the formula were fully run, according to state Education Department numbers.

Morris Peters, a budget division spokesman, said the proposed changes are a positive step, adding that education aid under Cuomo has increased \$6.1 billion over the last six years.

"The proposed changes to the Foundation Aid formula will lower the levels of poverty and update census data, both progressive measures that will direct more funding to high-needs districts," he said in an emailed statement to POLITICO New York. "Any suggestion that the Foundation Aid formula has or will be eliminated is a direct attempt to mislead the public and factually untrue."

Cuomo's proposed budget, released late Tuesday night, calls for an approximately \$1 billion increase in school aid — \$428 million of which is in Foundation Aid. The Foundation Aid formula was put in place after the state's highest court ruled in 2006 in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case that New York was under-funding schools and not meeting its constitutional burden to provide children with a "sound basic education." That case focused on New York City schools, but the state later put the formula in place for all districts to provide more equitable funding.

The formula, however, was never fully phased as the state grappled with the recession. The last of recession-era cuts, which were put in place to fill the revenue shortfall, were restored in the 2016-17 budget.

State education leaders, groups and advocates called for the state to focus on updating and fully implementing Foundation Aid.

The roughly 70-page formula aimed to create not only equity but also stability, giving districts a better idea of the state aid they would get year to year. It takes into consideration a number of factors but is based on four main points — the cost of a successful education, student need, regional cost differences and local district fiscal capacity.

Cuomo's proposal includes changes to update the formula, several of which the state Education Department, Board of Regents and education groups had called for in their budget recommendations. The executive budget would eliminate a minimum on the income wealth index, which would allow the state's poorest school districts to receive additional funding not currently allotted under the formula. The proposal would replace 2000 Census data with annual Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates data, which are created from federal tax returns and the American Community Survey, and are more reflective of current conditions.

The governor's office also is looking to have the Education Department collect "direct certification" data, as it aims to phase out the free and reduced-price lunch calculation (FRPL), which is another factor used in determining poverty and need in a district that is no longer a reliable method due to changes in reporting, according to a Cuomo administration official. Direct Certification automatically includes students eligible for free lunch based on participation in other programs, such as SNAP and Medicaid.

The change that education groups have criticized removes the phase-in, and in its stead, districts would receive the Foundation Aid they received the year before as well as an amount to be allocated by a new formula every year. Under the proposal schools would not get less than they did the year prior.

"It's less predictable and less transparent and those are some of the things that we saw as the real pluses of the original Foundation Aid formula," said Bob Lowry, New York State Council of School Superintendents deputy director.

The proposal is basically starting from scratch, eliminating the need to phase-in the \$4.3 billion, said New York State Association of School Business Officials executive director Michael Borges.

"It's a Jekyll and Hyde approach to funding public education if he's making improvements to how Foundation Aid is calculated, but at the same time undermining the basis of Foundation Aid," Borges said of Cuomo's proposal.

The administration has disputed the total aid owed, pointing to how much aid Cuomo continues to put in education. The 2016-17 state budget allocated approximately \$24.6 billion for education.

New York State is one of the highest spenders on public education in the country, although it also has one of the highest spending disparities. Cuomo has said he's proud of the state's school spending, while advocates have stressed the importance of equitable distribution.

An administration official told POLITICO New York that Spitzer's phase-in was an aspirational number, adding that budgets are done in one-year increments.

Timbs argued that schools that are currently under-funded will remain that way without the more equitable base formula. "What they're doing is they eliminated that whole calculation and created a new calculation. Any attempt to go back to find out how to compare to the old formula is being eliminated in the data set," he said.



The proposal leaves many questions, Lowry said, adding that education groups will be waiting for answers such as how the money would be distributed, and whether that process will be transparent. "We'll have to see as more information becomes available," he said. "I think the governor's showing commitment to try to help poorer districts ... [but] it's disappointing in part... It wasn't perfect in the 2007 formula, but it was promising for a variety of reasons... We want schools to have more financially sustainable future."

The Senate and Assembly still have to propose their own budgets, due out next month. A final agreement is due March 31.

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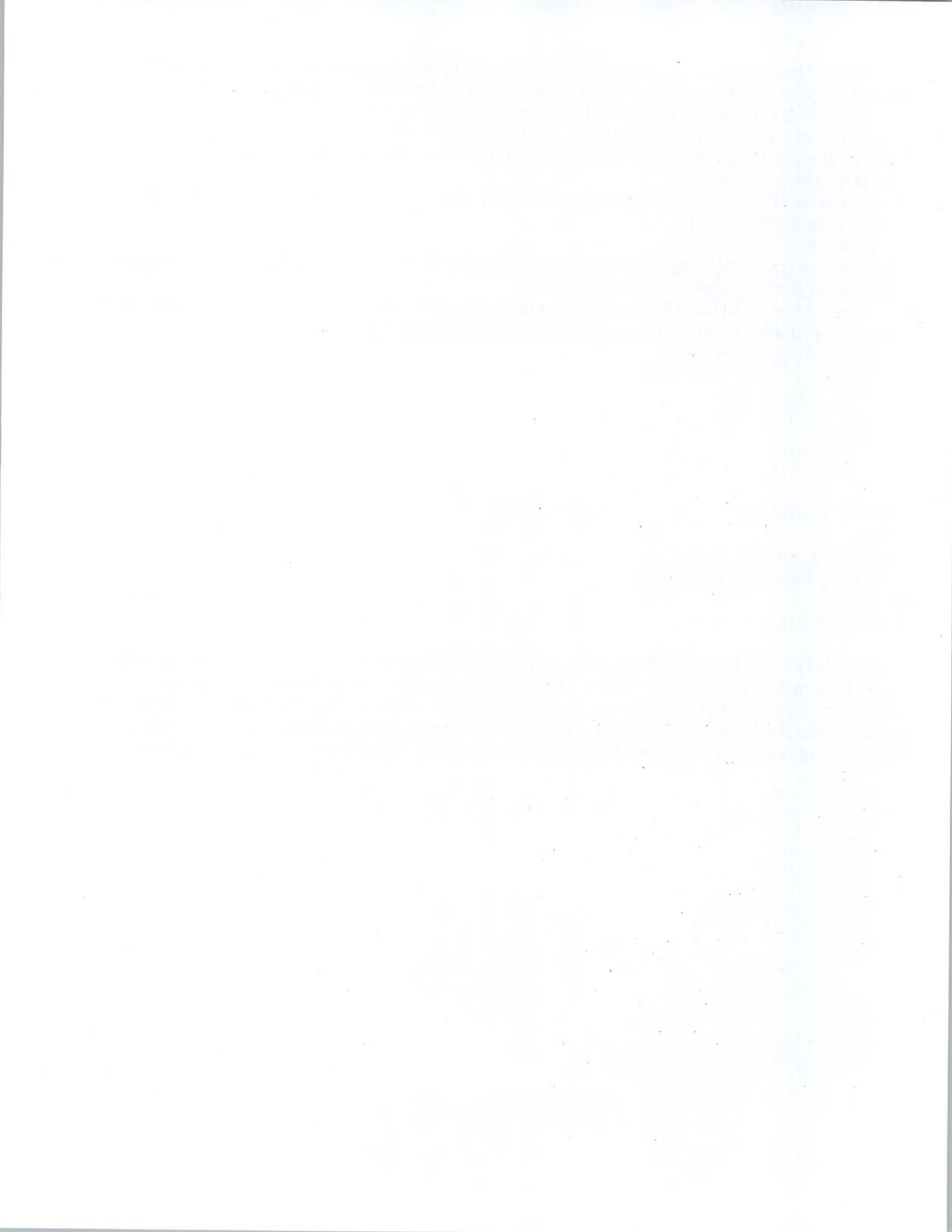
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I was paying attention last night! I did include in the letter I just share with BAC. It is the lead sentence to the second paragraph.

Will make modifications to letter on BCSDTogether later today.

Appreciate all that you do.

Best,  
Gina

On Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:43 AM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcsdny.org> wrote:

Gina,

Consider adding to the letter, "BCSD is the third most fiscally stressed school district in the State."

Assemblyman Buchwald stated this is the most compelling data point to enlist help. C

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**Cc:** Rubbo, Angelo  
**Subject:** Re: Updates to BCSD Advocacy Website

BCSDTogether met yesterday to discuss how we can further extend the advocacy effort. I think your email will be a boost. After the community receives your message, we will use it as evidence that the community needs to take action.

We are:  
Sending an e-mail to our "parent leaders" who will forward to their contacts  
Sending e-mail to our personal distribution lists  
Posting on all FB mom/parent groups  
Reaching out to seniors in Mt Kisco  
Resending to BCSDTogether distribution list & FB  
Communicating with PTO presidents

Thank you for all of your efforts on this. Hoping we can get results from our legislators.

Best,  
Gina

On Friday, February 3, 2017 5:30 AM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcsdny.org> wrote:

Dear Gina and Keith,

Thank you for your guidance, assistance and support over the past months. The [BCSD Advocacy Webpage](#) has been updated to be consistent with the recent message sent by BCSD Together. All links have been updated to support the same message. I am scheduling a carefully crafted School Messenger to go out today.

Chris

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**Cc:** Rubbo, Angelo  
**Subject:** Re: Sent

Just received.

We have a staggered communications plan that will roll out over the next few days.

Much, much appreciated.

On Friday, February 3, 2017 11:49 AM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcSDny.org> wrote:

The Budget Update Supt's Scoop has been sent. Also on Facebook.

Received acknowledgement that BTA is reviewing the position statements. Will let you know. Chris

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Feedback re: Howland's message.

I do not think the BAC effectively identified, as a guiding principle, the need for effective long-term financial forecast/planning. If it is not in the document, I am of the opinion that this concept should be incorporated.

Best,  
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On Tuesday, February 7, 2017 12:25 PM, h <100abc200@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Dr. Manno:

Regarding the draft report from BAC to BOE. Since I have been unable to participate this year to date and have not been able to study or vote on all of the proposals, please remove my name from the report.

FYI, some comments on page 4 were confusing (some readers of the report will not be familiar with committee procedures). If, as the report says, the committee did not vote, how was consensus majority or minority "prepared" [sic]? Was there not some de facto vote or some expression of agreement or disagreement? Perhaps I missed the report's explanation or footnote on the difference between consensus and majority and of BAC's procedure for ascertaining majority/minority/consensus.

Decision-making by an undefined "consensus" is not authorized in BCSD policy or applicable law. If there was a unanimous majority vote, would that differ from a consensus? "Consensus" is a confusing since sometimes in meetings people who don't agree just remain silent. Silence isn't always consent. Legal decision-making in BCSD is by majority vote of the applicable group or body, e.g. BOE for budget in the winter and the voters for the budget in May.

p. 4 of the report says the BOE wants input and recommendations on Multi-year budgetary planning. Page 9 of the report says "long term planning what is happening to date." In view of those statements, not sure how the report omitted the enclosed proposal, now pending for over 3 1/2 years and signed by 16 members of the 2013 BAC, even if the current BOE says it is working on it. This proposal was presented to the BOE on June 5, 2013, and there has been no definitive BOE response or posting for public comment. For new BAC members this year, the proposed amendment requires the BOE to provide regular budget projections.

Empire Center, Paul Volker and Richard Ravitch agree that projections are essential, yet the prior Bedford BOE ignored the enclosed proposed amendment for 3+ years without public explanation. It's wonderful news that the current BOE will provide a projection this year, but the district doesn't just need them this year. Voters need a policy requirement for projections to protect them from future BOEs that might withhold them.

Empire Center Report - January 2013 - TAKING A LONGER VIEW ON OUR BUDGETS  
<http://www.empirecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/web.empire-ideas.1.multyr.pdf>

[School districts need] "a long-term financial plan including projections of both revenues and expenditures – for all public funds, capital and operating...the plan must result in strategies to achieve and maintain financial sustainability...identify how the government will provide a consistent level of services and address issues of major concern to the community within financial constraints."

Richard Ravitch (Former NYS Lieutenant Governor) and Paul Volcker (Former Federal Reserve Chairman) State Budget Crisis Task Force Report (New York) - July 2012  
<http://www.statebudgetcrisis.org/wpcms/>

"Multiyear planning and budgeting approaches should be a normal part of fiscal planning...Cash Budgeting Focused on the Short Term Enables and Encourages Structural Deficits...recurring revenues have been insufficient to sustain ongoing spending. This defines a *structural imbalance*. Not only are revenues inadequate to sustain spending at a given point in time, but revenues typically increase more slowly than spending, creating a diverging path into the future. The combination of high spending and a volatile revenue structure has not been addressed, so the imbalance gets worse....The Task Force report provided the current state of best practices in budgeting, and noted four major shortcomings... cash-based budgeting; lack of meaningful multiyear financial plans; inadequate reporting of future liabilities; and lack of transparent budgeting...lack of financial transparency makes it more difficult for the public to understand the critical nature of problems..."

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:55 AM

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**Cc:** Rubbo, Angelo <arubbo4262@bcSDny.org>; Dow, Colette <Colette.Dow@bcSDny.org>; Bracco,



Andrew <[andrew.bracco@bcSDny.org](mailto:andrew.bracco@bcSDny.org)>; LaColla, Carole <[clacolla0598@bcSDny.org](mailto:clacolla0598@bcSDny.org)>  
**Subject:** Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes and final recommendations to the BoE

Dear Budget Advisory Committee:

Please see the following links to:

- [DRAFT Final Report to the BoE](#) based upon our meeting last night
- [Agenda](#) from last night's meeting

Please send me any feedback you might have on the report. I will work such feedback in, to the extent that it is representative of a consensus, majority, or minority position. Also feel free to send me corrections, e.g. typos, etc.

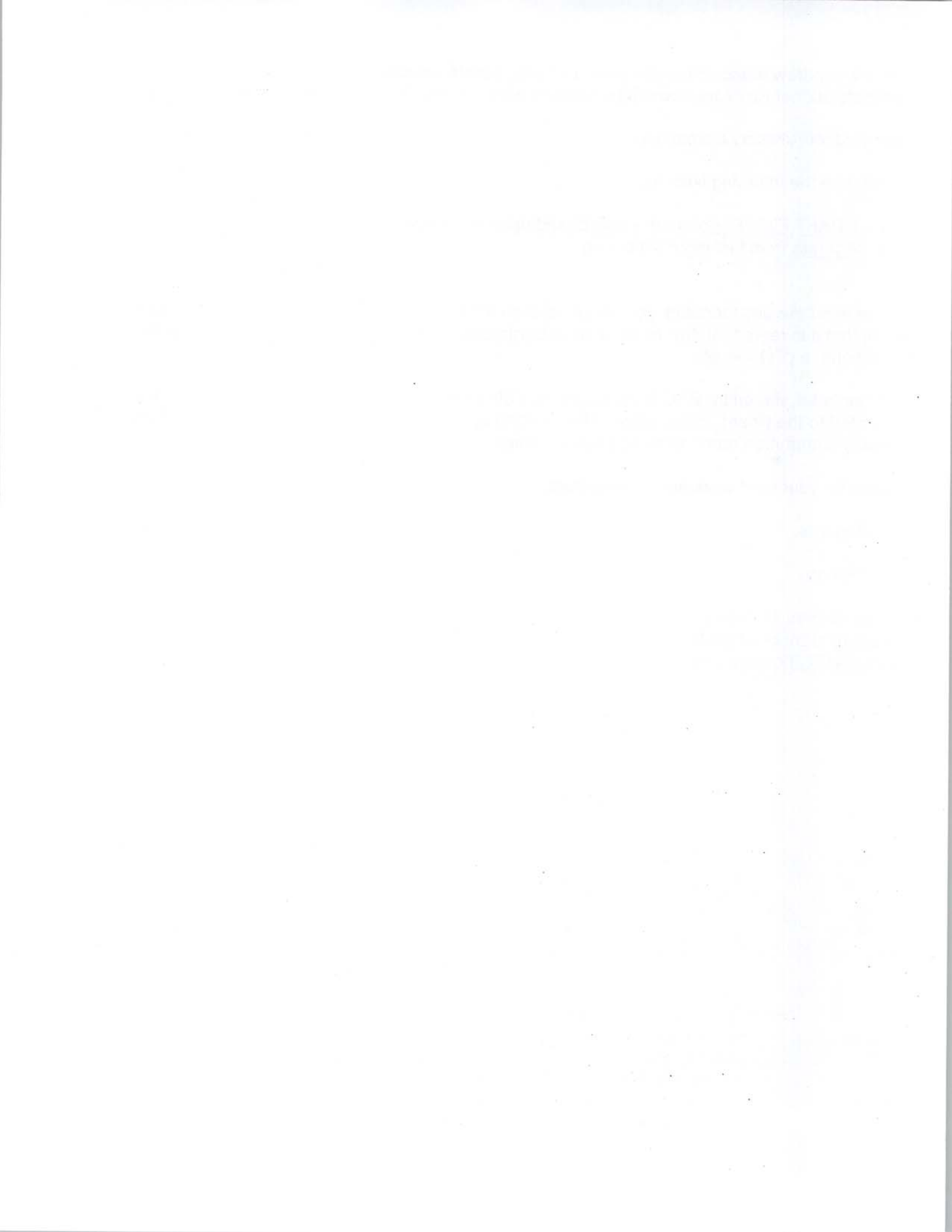
As a reminder, the entire BAC is invited to the February 8<sup>th</sup> BoE Meeting when the report shall be presented to the Board of Education. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and the Space and Enrollment Advisory Committee report shall be presented first.

Thanks for your hard work and commitment.

Best Regards,

Chris Manno

Dr. Christopher M. Manno  
Superintendent of Schools  
[cmanno4173@bcSDny.org](mailto:cmanno4173@bcSDny.org)



## LaColla, Carole

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** Keith Ferguson; Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: BTA is in

We've had great reach on Facebook. We boosted the post and have more than 2000 views. Can't tell how many sent letters, but can say with confidence we've built awareness.

FYI, I received this from Michael G

"We can place your letter into an online format that makes it very easy for people to send the letter to all three recipients with just a few clicks. I'm in touch with one of our organizers who may have other suggestions for amplifying our efforts."

Will hopefully get a chance to chat with him before the week is done.

Different subject, Dr Manno apologies for just getting that BAC "forecasting" statement to you. Just had a chance to review Howland's message and it jogged my memory.

I've been home ill so I won't be able to attend tonight's meeting. Sorry I won't be there to support. I'll be watching at home.

Best,  
Gina

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017 2:32 PM, Keith Ferguson <keith@fergs.us> wrote:

Great news. The PTOs should all be 100% on board now. Get the message out!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2017, at 2:04 PM, Manno, Christopher <[cmanno4173@bcSDny.org](mailto:cmanno4173@bcSDny.org)> wrote:

They agree with our message and documents. Michael is working on getting teachers to come on the 16<sup>th</sup>. See the note on our advocacy website already! Great job Gina and Keith. Chris

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 6:40 PM  
**To:** Groarke, Michael  
**Cc:** Keith Ferguson; Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: Senator Murphy

Michael that is great news!! Thanks so much.

Gina

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 15, 2017, at 6:20 PM, Groarke, Michael <[mgroarke0463@bcSDny.org](mailto:mgroarke0463@bcSDny.org)> wrote:

Great News!

Through our contacts with our local representatives, we have made arrangements for Sen. Murphy to attend tomorrow's Town Hall. The word just came in to our political action representative a few moments ago. It would be great to have all the players fighting on our behalf.

Michael Groarke



**LaColla, Carole**

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Keith Ferguson; Manno, Christopher  
**Cc:** Rubbo, Angelo  
**Subject:** Re: Call To Action: State Aid for Enrollment Growth and ELL

Attached is a link to the actual bill. I think one needs to be an CPA or actuary to just have a basic understanding.

If we believe the BCSD will be positively impacted by this, we can do a big push this week to support it.

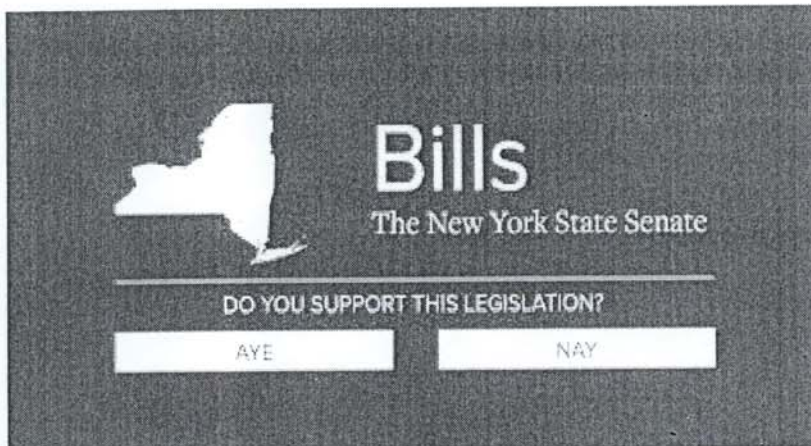
Additionally, Amy Ferguson received information that the Westchester Putnam School Boards Assoc was putting together a Voter Voice form to support the legislation regarding NYS paying taxes for land with state prisons.

We can wrap these 2 together in the same communication.

Please advise.

Gina

[NY State Assembly Bill A5717](#)



**NY State Assembly Bill A5717**

Relates to aid for substantial enrollment growth and growth in enrollment of English language learner students.

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On Monday, February 27, 2017 9:52 AM, Keith Ferguson <keith@fergs.us> wrote:

Thanks for forwarding.

Any sense what his bill actually entails for BCSD?

Keith

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2017, at 6:56 AM, Manno, Christopher <[cmanno4173@bcsdny.org](mailto:cmanno4173@bcsdny.org)> wrote:

See below. Chris

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**From:** Julie M. Marlette, NYSSBA [<mailto:NYSSBAAdvocacyAlert@nyssba.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher <[cmanno4173@bcsdny.org](mailto:cmanno4173@bcsdny.org)>  
**Subject:** Call To Action: State Aid for Enrollment Growth and ELL



February 23, 2017

### Legislation Introduced to Provide Aid for Enrollment Growth and ELL Students

Legislation has been introduced in the Assembly that would provide targeted state aid for districts with recent growth in student enrollment, as well as for districts experiencing increases in their numbers of English language learner (ELL) students. This funding is a NYSSBA budget priority for 2017-18. NYSSBA highlighted the need for this change in our budget testimony delivered to the legislature earlier this month. These funds are important to help support the hundreds of school districts that have seen their student enrollment grow in recent years and the numerous districts that educate the state's growing ELL population, which now totals more than 215,000 students. The state's underfunding of Foundation Aid has prevented an adequate amount of funding from flowing to these districts. Please urge your state legislators to support the bill A.5717 (Brindisi) by clicking the box below.



## Take Action Now

NYSSBA's memorandum of support and budget testimony can be accessed through the links below.

- [NYSSBA Memo In Support of Aid for Enrollment Growth and ELL Students](#)
- [NYSSBA Budget Testimony](#)

### Executive Budget 30 Day Amendments Released

The 30 day amendments to the Executive Budget were released last week. The majority of these amendments were technical in nature, two made changes to Executive's proposals related to education.

The first change addressed school districts with a community schools set aside of \$1 million or more. Those districts would be further required to use a portion of this set aside to expand the community schools model to additional high need schools within their district. This proposal provides no new or additional funding; it merely puts more restrictions on how certain districts may use their Foundation Aid. The amendments also expanded the proposed eligibility for the Empire State After-School Program grants. The original proposal would have limited eligibility for this funding to the state's 16 Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI) communities. The proposal now expands this eligibility to localities with child poverty rates in excess of 30%, based on poverty estimates provided by the US census bureau. NYSSBA had recommended more districts be eligible to apply for this funding, and we are supportive of this change.

### Senate Conferences Continue to Transition

In order to hold the majority in the New York State Senate, 32 seats are required. The Senate Republicans have maintained their majority in 2017, with 31 members of the Republican Conference and with Senator Simcha Felder, who ran on the Democratic and Republican lines, and who caucuses with the Republicans.

Changes have been underway in the two Democratic Conferences. The mainline Democrats started the session with 24 members, and the Independent Democratic Conference with 7. However Senator Jose Peralta left the mainline Senate Democrats and joined the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC), bringing the IDC to 8 members. More recently, Democratic Senator Bill Perkins was elected to the New York City Council, and immediately resigned his Senate seat bringing the number of mainline Democrats to 22. A date for a special election to fill the now vacant seat has not been announced.

### New York State Education Department is Recruiting

The New York State Education Department has asked NYSSBA, to let our members know that they are recruiting professionals who have a passion for education to fill critical and challenging positions. The links below describe duties, minimum qualifications, conditions of employment, and application instructions:

- [Assistant Commissioner of Assessment](#)
- [Assistant in Bilingual Education](#)
- [Associate in Bilingual Education](#)
- [Supervisor of Bilingual Education](#)
- [Assistant Mechanical Construction Engineers](#)

NYSSBA's Governmental Relations team will continue to update you on these and other issues.

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 4, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher; 'Jennifer Gagliardi'; Kristina Nye  
**Cc:** kristket@aol.com; keith@fergs.us; rrbeck@gmail.com; fourpurcells@gmail.com; mem11871@yahoo.com; emilyhole@hotmail.com; ericafbeck@gmail.com; ekregan5@gmail.com; gdintrono17@gmail.com; bdking579@yahoo.com; closemk@aol.com; krishna209@yahoo.com; bcsd\_septo\_rossi@yahoo.com; lschwarzfeld@gmail.com; lisabecknyc@gmail.com; loriwolk@aol.com; l\_moustakas@yahoo.com; jessfillhart@yahoo.com; rebeccarivard@me.com; ybahari@aol.com; Groarke, Michael; julieandpeterwilliams@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Advocacy action plan options from BVES

PTO parent leaders thank you so very much for all of your advocacy efforts!

### **Our Reality**

The release of the administration's recommended budget and 5 year forecast further highlights the urgency of our need for additional NYS funding. Charts below (from <http://www.bcsdny.org/boe.cfm?subpage=23051>) show the current funding formulas are not sustainable. With more than 50 positions gone and other program cuts last year, our expenses will continue to grow beyond the allowable revenue. The district will need to supplement the budget with money from reserves. Alternately we are facing more cuts.

BEDFORD CSD Multi-Year Financial Estimates General Fund

Year Ending June 30:	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Revenues</b>						
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$124,122,600	\$125,229,301	\$126,364,620	\$128,675,832	\$131,018,796	\$133,405,492
	1.46%	0.89%	0.91%	1.83%	1.82%	1.82%
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>						
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$125,751,321	\$130,028,345	\$124,452,280	\$128,925,832	\$131,828,360	\$134,545,250
	1.23%	3.40%	-4.29%	3.59%	2.25%	2.06%
<b>Surplus (Deficit) - Net Change in FB</b>	(\$1,628,721)	(\$4,799,044)	\$1,912,340	(\$250,000)	(\$809,564)	(\$1,139,758)
<b>Funding w/ Res., Fund Bal.</b>			320,000	250,000	0	0
<b>Budgetary Reserves</b>						
Fund Equity, Beg. of Year	\$12,147,574	\$10,518,853	\$5,719,809	\$7,632,149	\$7,382,149	\$6,572,585
Fund Equity, End of Year	10,518,853	5,719,809	7,632,149	7,382,149	6,572,585	5,432,827
Fund Balance as % of Expenditures	8.36%	4.40%	6.13%	5.73%	4.99%	4.04%

**Five-Year Projection of BCSD Fund Balance**

	Projected Fund Balance	% of Budget
2015	\$10.5M	8.36%
2016	\$5.7 M	4.40%
2017	\$7.6 M	6.13%
2018	\$7.4 M	5.73%
2019	\$6.6 M	4.99%
2020	\$5.4 M	4.04%
2021	\$3.2 M	2.33%

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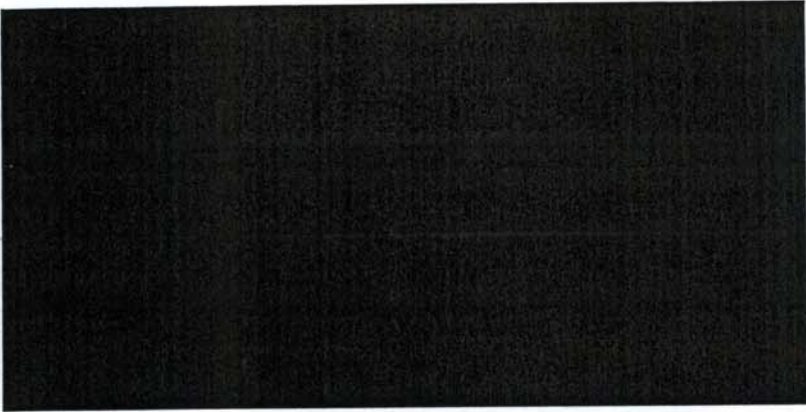
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**Make Them Hear Us!**

We have received feedback that BCSD is a topic of conversation in Albany. Now is the time to apply greater pressure. I am hoping all will include in their communications (weekly newsletters, Facebook, Twitter) a request for parents to send more letters/emails with the additional addresses to NYS legislative leaders. Anyone voting age (that includes FLHS seniors) can participate.

In addition to the letter that has been emailed (thank you BVES) an easy way for folks to send letters is via online form created by the BTA. This includes expanded distribution list with additional legislators. (Thank you BTA.) Get the funding that BCSD needs!

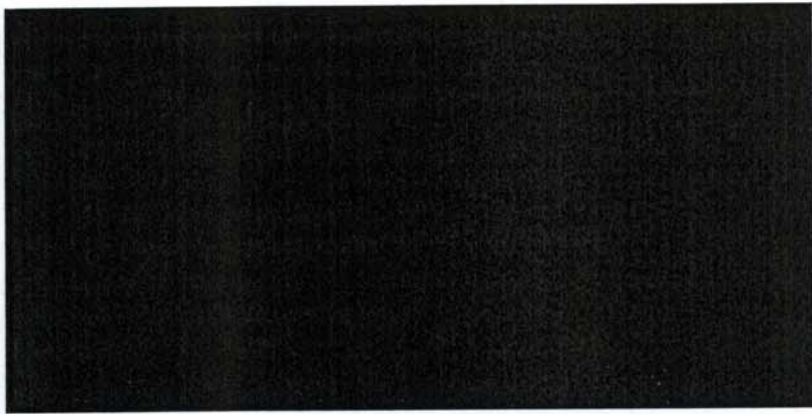


### Get the funding that BCSD needs!

The NYS budget is being crafted right now. We need our legislators to advocate for BCSD! Send a letter TODAY in ...

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Additionally BCSDTogether has written a very simple script for phone calls. Quick Calls for the BCSD. We are asking folks to sign up to make calls (to insure they are distributed through out the week), but there is no limit. The more calls the better.



### Quick Calls for the BCSD

Hello BCSD Neighbors, We need to reach out to our Legislators to continuously remind them of the importance o...

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Again, thank you. Every letter and every phone call raises the priority for our legislators. Your leadership makes a difference for all of our children.

With Gratitude,  
Gina Picinich

On Friday, March 3, 2017 12:48 PM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcsdny.org> wrote:

Great Job Parent Leaders! So proud to be a part of this committed community. Go Foxes!

Chris

Dr. Christopher M. Manno

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 2, 2017 1:56 PM

**To:** Kristina Nye <[kristinanweise@gmail.com](mailto:kristinanweise@gmail.com)>

**Cc:** [kristket@aol.com](mailto:kristket@aol.com); [nickginapic@yahoo.com](mailto:nickginapic@yahoo.com); [keith@fergs.us](mailto:keith@fergs.us); [rrbeck@gmail.com](mailto:rrbeck@gmail.com); [fourpurcells@gmail.com](mailto:fourpurcells@gmail.com); [mem11871@yahoo.com](mailto:mem11871@yahoo.com); [emilyhole@hotmail.com](mailto:emilyhole@hotmail.com); [ericafbeck@gmail.com](mailto:ericafbeck@gmail.com); [ekregan5@gmail.com](mailto:ekregan5@gmail.com); [gdirtrono17@gmail.com](mailto:gdirtrono17@gmail.com); [bdking579@yahoo.com](mailto:bdking579@yahoo.com); [closemk@aol.com](mailto:closemk@aol.com); [krishna209@yahoo.com](mailto:krishna209@yahoo.com); [bcsd\\_septo\\_rossi@yahoo.com](mailto:bcsd_septo_rossi@yahoo.com); [lschwarzfeld@gmail.com](mailto:lschwarzfeld@gmail.com); [lisabecknyc@gmail.com](mailto:lisabecknyc@gmail.com); [loriwolk@aol.com](mailto:loriwolk@aol.com); [l\\_moustakas@yahoo.com](mailto:l_moustakas@yahoo.com); [jessfillhart@yahoo.com](mailto:jessfillhart@yahoo.com); [rebeccarivard@me.com](mailto:rebeccarivard@me.com); [ybahari@aol.com](mailto:ybahari@aol.com); Manno, Christopher <[cmanno4173@bcsdny.org](mailto:cmanno4173@bcsdny.org)>; Groarke, Michael <[mgroarke0463@bcsdny.org](mailto:mgroarke0463@bcsdny.org)>; [julieandpeterwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:julieandpeterwilliams@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Re: Advocacy action plan options from BVES

Hello-

Flmsa has decided not to contribute to voter voice at this time and to take advantage of use of the link set up by the BTA. Thank you all for your efforts!!

Best,

Jennifer and Yalda

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 1:33 PM, Kristina Nye <[kristinanweise@gmail.com](mailto:kristinanweise@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi parent presidents,

FLHSA would like to contribute to voter voice. Since this is a one-year subscription, we'd like to make sure this software is used early in the next budget cycle as well.

Please let us know if we can help with the process.

Thanks

Kristina & Chris

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 10:55 AM, [kristket@aol.com](mailto:kristket@aol.com) wrote:

Dear Fellow Parent Association Presidents:

I am following up on Dr. Manno's email yesterday listing additional contacts in state government.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Budget Town Hall meeting on Thursday, February 16th, it seemed clear that Assemblyman Buchwald, Senator Latimer and Senator Murphy understand fully the BCSD budget situation and have pledged to go to bat for BCSD during this upcoming budget cycle to increase state aid. Tremendous thank you to Dr. Manno for his time and expertise explaining the issues to each in individual meetings.

**When asked what we can do to help them with this effort, the representatives suggested that the squeaky wheel gets noticed and to continue to contact others in state government.**

The budget has been proposed so NOW is the time to speak up for BCSD kids.

To that end, I wanted to let you know what BVES is doing to aid in this effort:

1. Letter Writing - BVES has already sent in approximately 250 letters to Senator Latimer, Senator Murphy and Assemblyman Buchwald. Today we have written a cover letter and will be making additional copies of these letters to send directly to the representatives listed in the email yesterday to ensure they are aware of the pressing issues BCSD faces. (full contact information listed below.)
2. Potentially setting up a voter voice link on [bvesa.com](http://bvesa.com). **We are writing now to ask you if your group would be willing to contribute to the \$1000 cost of creating a voter voice platform to facilitate this specific effort.** To be clear, at this time we are only talking about using the voter voice application to advocate for increased state aid. (The BTA has gone on record to support this effort.) We will not know how much you will be asked to contribute until we have an idea of how many school associations are willing to share the cost.

Please respond by Thursday of this week.

Let's get squeaky.

Best, Kristin Ketterer Oden and Jen Kothari, Co-Pres BVESA  
at [copres@bvesa.com](mailto:copres@bvesa.com) or to our direct email addresses.

For more information you may contact Julie Williams, Chair of Advocacy at BVES cc'd on this email

Additional NOTES:

1. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the cover letter Julie Williams wrote to the additional representatives today - we would be more than happy to share for you to use as a seed for your own work should you also decide to send additional hard copies.
2. The full contact information for all the representatives is below:

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**NYS Senate Coalition Leader and Independent Democratic Conference Leader'**

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**NYS Assembly Committee on Education**

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Note: Our Specific Representatives we've already sent letter to:

**KEY LEGISLATORS IN EDUCATION**

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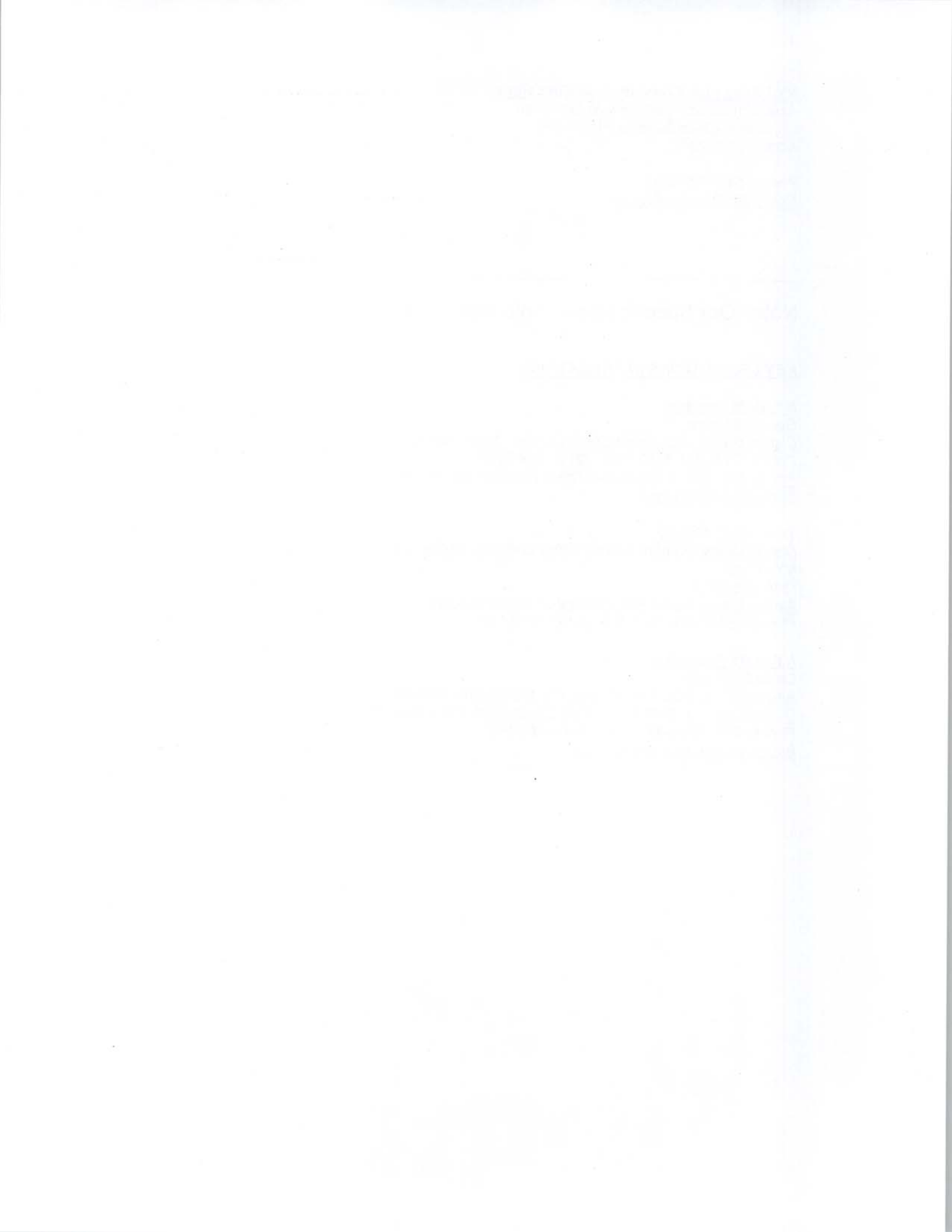
David Buchwald

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** Haynsworth, Stacey; Manno, Christopher; Dow, Colette  
**Subject:** FLHS Principal Search

I am writing to add my voice to the many parents who have already written regarding the FLHS Principal search. As the administration looks to appoint a permanent Principal, I hope Jim Donnelly is the top candidate.

I appreciate and value Mr. Donnelly's effective leadership. He has proficiently steered FLHS through a challenging transitional year.

Mr. Donnelly brings a vitally important outside perspective. He has a track record of demonstrated success as a high school principal and in other educational leadership positions.

Having been at FLHS for this year, Mr. Donnelly has an understanding of our community but is not burdened by the history of our recently challenging past. As such, he is uniquely positioned to "hit the ground running" to move FLHS forward.

We need a leader who sets a high academic standard and holds students, teachers and administrators accountable. I believe Mr. Donnelly is the leader we need at this time.

I appreciate your consideration of my perspective.

Best,  
Gina Picinich  
Mount Kisco  
914 261-7364



**LaColla, Carole**

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:55 PM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher; Rubbo, Angelo  
**Subject:** Donation Question?

Can someone designate a donation for a specific purpose? For example could someone make a donation to fund 4th grade band?

(When asked the question, I did express concern that a one-time donation would not be a sustainable addition.)

Best,  
Gina Picinich



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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: Donation Question?

Thank you .

On Friday, March 31, 2017 11:41 AM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcSDny.org> wrote:

Please see this. I believe it answers the question:

<http://www.bcSDny.org/files/policies/1800%20AMENDED%20%206-2010%20FINAL%20Gifts%20from%20the%20Public.pdf>

Chris

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**From:** Gina Picinich [mailto:nickginapic@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:55 PM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher <cmanno4173@bcSDny.org>; Rubbo, Angelo <arubbo4262@bcSDny.org>  
**Subject:** Donation Question?

Can someone designate a donation for a specific purpose? For example could someone make a donation to fund 4th grade band?

(When asked the question, I did express concern that a one-time donation would not be a sustainable addition.)

Best,  
Gina Picinich



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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 10:52 AM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** BAC Mtg?

Just want to confirm meeting time for tonight. Main page of website says 5:30-7:30. Detail says 7:30-9:30. I have 7:30 on my calendar. Please verify correct time.

Much appreciated,  
Gina



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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 6:23 AM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Message

Great.

Hope the BOE will publicly support you.

Best,  
Gina



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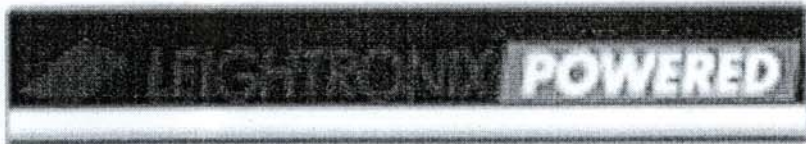
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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** Sam Barron; Dow, Colette; Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: Fox Lane Seniors On School Board

Sam, I'm including Colette Dow, BCSD BOE President and Christopher Manno, Superintendent on this message. Please allow this to serve as an introduction. Sam is doing a story for the Daily Voice regarding adding a student representative to the BOE. Hoping ya'll can provide some insights about the process.

Colette or Chris, can you please advise on the date the Public Policy class made their presentations to the BOE.

Sam all BOE meetings can be viewed at [BCSD-TV Video On Demand](#)



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On Monday, April 17, 2017 11:23 AM, Sam Barron <sbarron@dailyvoice.com> wrote:

Hi Gina,

Joe Lombardi gave me your e-mail to speak to you about doing a story on the Fox Lane seniors seeking a seat on the school board. I can be reached at 914-582-4986 or [sbarron@dailyvoice.com](mailto:sbarron@dailyvoice.com)

Thank you,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher; Rubbo, Angelo  
**Subject:** Re: Updated Budget Documents on the Budget Development Website

Can you please clarify a few points regarding the analysis for moving students in traditional classrooms.

When referring to the need for 3 buses, does that mean 3 runs or 3 buses doing a total of 6 runs?

Can you also please share how you estimated the need for 1.5 fte in additional support services.

Thank you,  
Gina Picinich

On Sunday, April 9, 2017 6:33 PM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcsdny.org> wrote:

Dear BAC:

During our last BoE meeting, two important documents were utilized. They are both now on the Budget Development Website:

- BoE Proposed and resolved 17-18 budget addition/reduction worksheet.
- Preliminary Analysis of Proposal to move MKES Traditional Section to another elementary school.

I hope this information is informative and helpful. In the spirit of transparency, since there were significant topics during the last BoE meeting, I have made them available to the public.

Best Regards,

Chris

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**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Fw: Parents' Scoop

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It is coming. C

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:47 AM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** BAC?

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**From:** Gina Picinich <[nickginapic@yahoo.com](mailto:nickginapic@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 7:58 AM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: BAC?

Must have 5/2 in my calendar from original documents.

Looking forward to a last meeting to review multi-year forecast.

Best  
Gina

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 7:12 AM, Manno, Christopher <[cmanno4173@bcSDny.org](mailto:cmanno4173@bcSDny.org)> wrote:

No there is not. Our agenda has the last meeting as the last of the year before budget adoption. Planning on pulling one more meeting together to talk about the future. Since not on district calendar or agenda, tonight too last minute. Would lead to poor attendance I think. C

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Please excuse brevity, typos of the thumbs, and that pesky auto-correct.

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: Final Budget Advisory Committee of 2016-17

Chris, my family is insisting on taking me out for a birthday dinner on Monday. If we are done early, I will be there. Apologize in advance if I don't make it.

Happy Father's Day!

Best,  
Gina

On Saturday, June 17, 2017 11:21 AM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcSDny.org> wrote:

Dear Budget Advisory Committee,

This is a reminder that our final 2016-17 BAC meeting will be this Monday at 7 p.m. at our usual location in the Board office.

This will be a special celebratory meeting so I hope many of you can make it. We have a few surprises for you:)

We'll review some year-end financial data, overview some of the BAC's and BCSD's fiscal successes of the year, and look toward next year to identify challenges and opportunities.

Hope to see you Monday at 7.

Happy Father's Day, Dads!!!

Best,

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher; Board of Ed - Bedford Central School District  
**Cc:** Adelberg, Joel; morsihogans4368@bcSDny.org  
**Subject:** "English Only" Classrooms at MKES

Thanks for sending the Supt Scoop today. Always appreciate the communication.

I'm reaching out to request an update on the status of a solution for the students in "traditional" classrooms at Mount Kisco Elementary School.

At the end of last school year, the growing concern across the Mount Kisco community regarding the "traditional" classroom setting at Mount Kisco Elementary School had been raised to the Board of Education. Extensive discussion at various meetings concluded, with agreement by all, that the Administration would seek and propose solutions to address the inequities for "English only" learners.

While I recognize this is not a simple concern to address, I hope that all understand the negative impact this has for every taxpayer in Mount Kisco. The belief that "English only" learners do not have an experience on par with peers elsewhere in the district makes our community less attractive for families who want a "traditional" learning environment.

I want to underscore the urgency of finding a solution and the importance of communicating status to the whole community, not just parents at MKES.

I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,  
Gina Picinich

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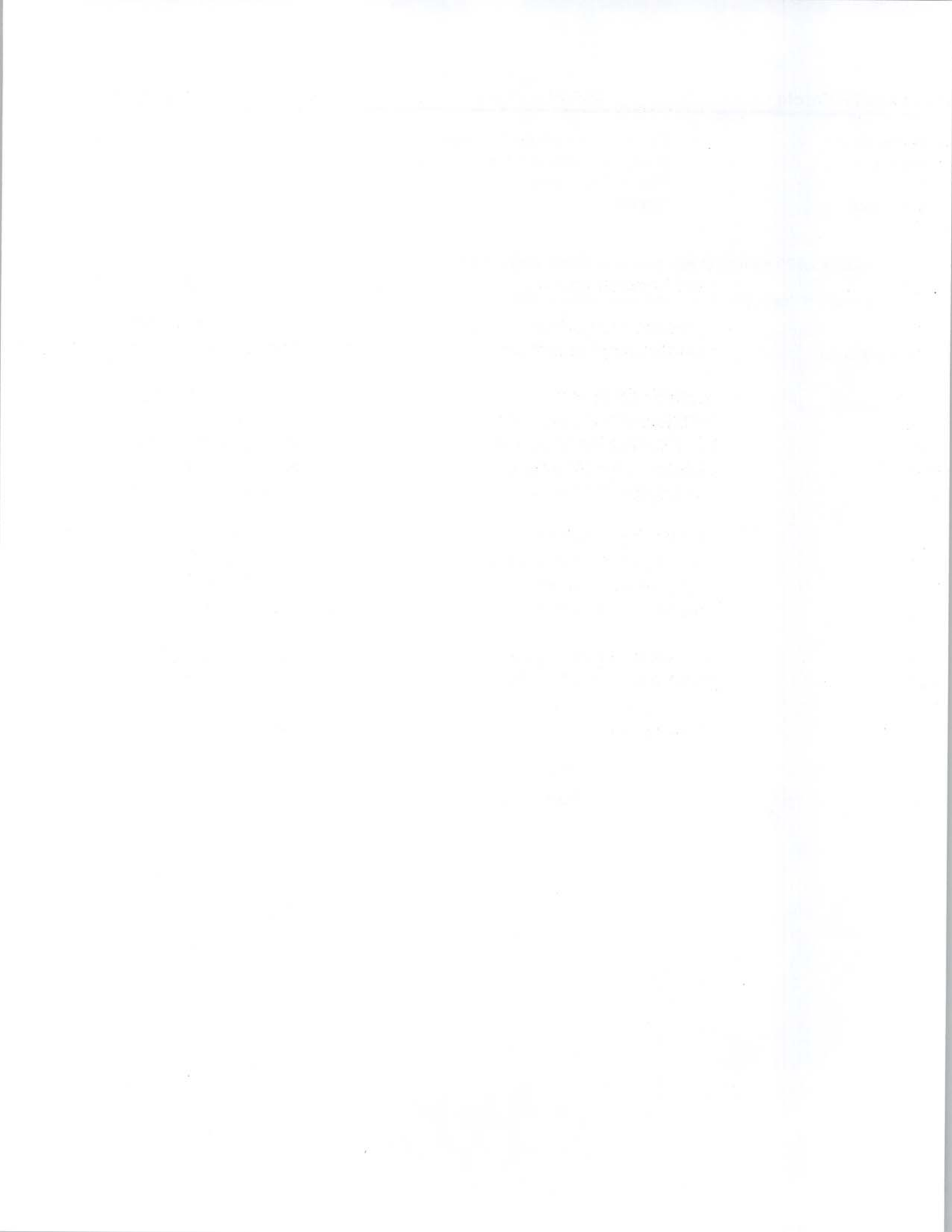
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**To:** Manno, Christopher  
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My schedule is flexible most days this week between 9-11,

Best,  
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Understood.

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Thanks for the deep insights, Gina. As I stated, "don't quote me on the numbers because I didn't have them in from of me." The % of ELL's is actually well north of 40% and close to 50%.

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Will do.

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Please call my on my cell tomorrow...914-420-1538

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2017 10:40 AM  
**To:** LaColla, Carole  
**Cc:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: Bedford by the Numbers

Much appreciated.

On Monday, October 2, 2017 10:33 AM, "LaColla, Carole" <clacolla0598@bcsdny.org> wrote:

Hi Gina,  
Dr. Manno asked me to provide you with the access information to Bedford by the Numbers. The 2017-2018 edition is not complete yet. As soon as it is, it will also be posted. Thank you, Carole

[https://www.bcsdny.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=1571&dataid=3389&FileName=Bedford%20By%20The%20Numbers 2016-17.pdf](https://www.bcsdny.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=1571&dataid=3389&FileName=Bedford%20By%20The%20Numbers%202016-17.pdf)

<https://www.bcsdny.org/domain/357>

**From:** Manno, Christopher  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2017 7:24 PM  
**To:** LaColla, Carole <clacolla0598@bcsdny.org>  
**Subject:** FW: MKES

Can you please guide her to the latest Bedford by the Numbers. There is one in the last What you Need to Know. C

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 9:54 PM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Monday?

Starbucks on Monday a.m.? Or Tuesday?

Let me know what works best for you.

Best,  
Gina Picinich





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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 11, 2017 7:01 AM  
**To:** Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: Monday?

Perfect. See you Tuesday.

Enjoy the weekend.

Gina

On Saturday, November 11, 2017 5:47 AM, "Manno, Christopher" <cmanno4173@bcsdny.org> wrote:

Tuesday works, Gina. 7:45? C

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Category C	15
Category D	10
Category E	10
Category F	15

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**From:** Gina Picinich <nickginapic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 6:18 PM  
**To:** Miller, Brett; Manno, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: 2018-19 Drivers Education Information

Dr. Miller,

Can you please explain to the community why the administration of Fox Lane High School did not maintain the Driver Education program that is so important to the students of our community.

There will be a very limited number of seats available for our students in the Greeley program. The other programs are a substantial distance from Fox Lane, and as such will be a challenge for students to attend. Adding a commute to get to and from these other programs is a particular problem for juniors who have very limited after school time as they are balancing very heavy work loads and test preparation.

Whether it was by choice, or negligence the absence of this program for our students deserves and explanation and a commitment to reinstate it in the spring.

Respectfully,  
Gina Picinich  
914 261-7364

On Friday, June 8, 2018, 10:21:45 AM EDT, Fox Lane HS <bmillier4344@bcisdny.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Please read the attachment below containing important information regarding drivers education for the 2018-19 school year.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brett Miller

[FLHS Drivers Education Letter June 2018.pdf](#)

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**From:** Manno, Christopher <cmanno4173@bcSDny.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016 4:02 PM  
**To:** Keith Ferguson; keith@fergs.us; Dean Zarras; jtg10506@gmail.com; Groarke, Michael; jmalichio@McMahonmed.com; Gina Picinich; saldicarlo@aol.com  
**Cc:** Bracco, Andrew; Dow, Colette; Rubbo, Angelo; LaColla, Carole; ssquadron@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Planning for Next Budget Advisory Meeting  
**Attachments:** Christopher Manno.vcf; BudgetAdvisoryCommitteeJan32017AgendaandMinutes (1).pdf; BudgetAdvisoryCommitteeNov3SANotes (1).pdf; BudgetAdvisoryCommitteeDashboardDate (1).pdf

Dear Budget Advisory Committee "WorkGroup",

Thank you for your willingness to meet next Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in my office to review our agenda for the January 3, 2017<sup>th</sup> Budget Advisory Committee Meeting. We are very appreciative of your time and contributions.

In order to maximize our efficiency, I am attaching the following:

1. A draft agenda for us to discuss and refine.
2. The current version of our BCSD Advocacy Whitepaper, which is shaping up.
3. DRAFT BAC Dashboard to streamline sharing of reports and budget data (will still provide detailed reports).

Thanks for reviewing the materials in advance to we can jump right into recommendations and suggestions during our meeting. See you next Thursday.

Best Regards,

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