

From: Michele Lee <mlee@highbridge.org>

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Subject: Re: High Bridge Schools Cut in State Funding for 2023/2024 school year

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It is not appropriate for the borough to send out notifications to residents - that is the school board's responsibility. The borough has no accountability in the school budget other than to forward the taxes it collects each year.

I will take a look at the resolution for the next council agenda.

Michele

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 7:58 PM Alan Schwartz <aschwartz@highbridge.org> wrote:
Michele, Natalie, and Bonnie

At the end of February 2023 the HBBOE was informed that our local High Bridge Schools would be receiving \$347,749 (~31%) less in State Aid funding in 2023/2024 compared to the previous school year.

The HBBOE President, C. Sharkey, has requested the assistance of the Borough Administration and of Borough Council to communicate this information to the public and to ask the citizens of High Bridge to send letters to our State Senator and Assemblyman to request reconsideration of the State Aid funding. (I am attaching a .pdf file of a form letter that was downloaded from the HBBOE's March 13, 2023 Agenda/Documents).

In addition, we, as Council, may consider a resolution to oppose the State School Aid Funding cuts and/or support the HBBOE's resolution which opposes the cuts to school funding. (I am attaching the HBBOE's resolution which was approved at the HBBOE's March 13, 2023 meeting).

Please contact me so that we may discuss and determine:

what might be appropriate to place on the next Council Agenda for March 23, 2023

what might be appropriate for the Borough to send out to residents of High Bridge via a PSA type e-mail.

Thank you

Alan Schwartz, HB Councilman

