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Good Morning, Superintendent Hobaugh and HB School Board members,

I hope this email finds you well.

Karyn, I'd like to begin by thanking you for your email response to my last message, advising me about the June 5th meeting. I did log in to Monday night's regular meeting, which reviewed the roles of the School Board and the 2025 - 2026 budget presentation. It was very informative, and I have a couple of additional questions:

- Presenter, Patti Rees, stated that the School Board is responsible for creating the school district's goals. Will you please advise the goals for our District and the method(s) in which you are going about to achieve them? (Are they posted online, for reference?)

- During the budget presentation there was mention of the District's transportation costs. Since we are a walking district, please advise what these costs are.

- There was mention of an abundance of Pre-K grants. What is the reason for so many grants solely for the Pre-K program?

- The budget breakdown showed the loss of state aid over the last few years. How are you supplementing the loss of state aid? Was / is there an opportunity to still acquire state aid?

- There was mention of keeping the class sizes small. Is that intentional, and if so, what is the reason? Or are the classes small due to the low attendance of children in the district?

The questions that I asked in my last email were not answered during Monday night's meeting. Do I need to wait until the June 5th session to receive answers to those questions?

Thank you again for your time and commitment to our Borough's children. Have a nice rest of the week!

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