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Dear York County Parents:

I am writing with another update regarding the FY13 budget. Let me start with a recap. First, on January 9, I set forth preliminary recommendations for closing our \$9 million budget gap, including making \$4.3 million of reductions, collecting \$150K of revenue from fees to participate in sports, and requesting an increase in the county contribution of \$4.5 million.

Next, we started a series of School Board work sessions to work toward identifying \$4.5 million of additional cuts that may be necessary if the General Assembly does not revise the Governor's budget proposals or the county does not increase its contribution to schools. I updated you last week regarding the January 18 work session at which we set forth \$1.3 million of the \$4.5 million of additional cuts that may be needed.

At last night's School Board work session, staff presented information regarding \$1.5 million of additional budget reductions that could be made without the additional \$4.5 million of resources.

Reductions would include:

- an additional 12.9 secondary teachers, bringing the total to 32.5 secondary teachers
- an additional 6 custodians, bringing the total to 15 custodial positions
- an Instructional Associate Director position (we eliminated three other Associate Director positions in recent years);
- a Service Technician Helper position at Vehicle Maintenance;
- 2 computer support technicians;
- the Community Outreach Coordinator position at MES;
- 3 Assistant Principals (1 at MES, 1 at YES, a .5 at WMES, and a .5 at BMES);
- 2 middle school Assessment and Compliance Coordinators (a .5 ACC would be assigned to each middle school); and
- 1 high school Guidance position (along with other potential Guidance reductions already identified, this would result in the loss of .5 positions at TMS, BHS, THS and YRA).

We also noted that \$64,000 of school-level supply funds (\$10 per student) and \$4,600 of travel expenses could be cut without the additional resources.

Please note that I am NOT recommending that the School Board make these cuts above and beyond the initial \$4.3 million of reductions. I am recommending that the School Board request an increased county contribution to avoid the level of cuts described in this e-mail. If the School Board needs to consider the additional \$4.5 million of cuts, it would not need to do so until after the Board of Supervisors approves its budget, which is scheduled to occur on April 3.

Please continue to monitor the deliberations of the General Assembly and the Board of Supervisors and to take action as you see fit. We will continue to post additional details regarding the budget on the division web site, yorkcountyschools.org.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent