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**FW: CES Tax Relief Letters**

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**Patrick Pisano** <ppisano@chesterfieldschool.com>

Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 12:23 PM

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**From:** A S [mailto:rutvik@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:18 PM  
**To:** Scott Heino; Christina Hoggan  
**Cc:** Patrick Pisano  
**Subject:** CES Tax Relief Letters  
**Importance:** High

CES Superintendent, CES BOE President:

Attached please find the eleven letters from the Chesterfield residents/tax payers requesting tax relief. I also request CES BOE to hold an executive session after providing a spending plan of \$2.6 million dollars and giving an opportunity to residents with an additional comment solely on the proposed budget and before voting on the budget.

Please include all of the attached letters in the correspondence for tomorrow's meeting.

Please share with the board.

Sincerely,

Aparna Shah



**CES Tax Relief Letter.pdf**  
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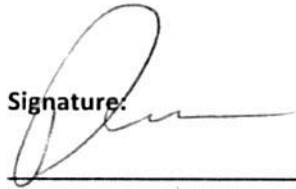
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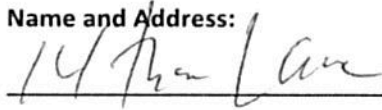
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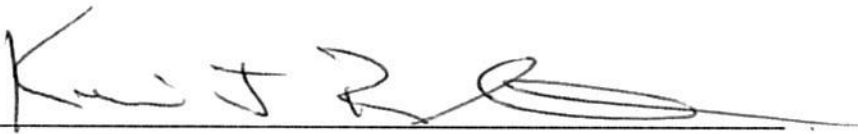
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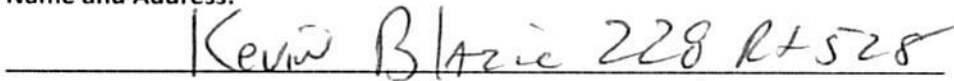
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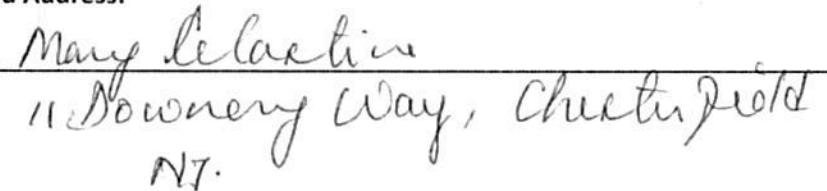
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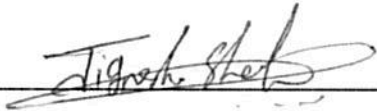
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**FW: Tax Levy and funding allocation**

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**Patrick Pisano** <ppisano@chesterfieldschool.com>

Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 12:23 PM

**From:** Scott Heino [mailto:sheino@chesterfieldschool.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** Patrick Pisano  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tax Levy and funding allocation

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**From:** **Brigitte Hosford**  
**Date:** Sun, Mar 17, 2019 at 9:35 PM  
**Subject:** Tax Levy and funding allocation  
**To:** <christina\_hoggan1@chesterfieldschool.com>, <amy\_jablonski1@chesterfieldschool.com>, <terran\_brown1@chesterfieldschool.com>, <jaclyn\_halaw1@chesterfieldschool.com>, <matthew\_litt1@chesterfieldschool.com>, <sheino@chesterfieldschool.com>

To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I have two children who attend Chesterfield Elementary School. We understand that there is a discussion about the budget and the tax rate.

As members of the community with children who attend the school, we would like to let the board know that we support Jackie Halaw in her argument for raising the tax rate the full 2%.

These additional funds are needed, as Ms. Halaw, explained, to, at the very least, provide some additional funds for unexpected costs that might surprise us in the coming years, as has happened this past year.

The burden on the average tax payer is a few dollars a month less in the lowering of his taxes (not an increase to them) than he would have with a 1% raise.

As we know with the political and fiscal environment of the state of New Jersey, we cannot be certain of the state's long-term assistance in our school's funding.

Mr. Litt was absolutely correct in explaining that the issue was not one of right or wrong, fair or unfair. It is not a question of morality. One side is not evil or good.

It is our view, however, that Ms. Halaw's argument is more prudent. We, therefore, would like to express our support for the 2% raise in the tax rate.

One of the suggestions we would like to make regarding the allocation of funds in the budget is that the hiring of highly qualified teachers in math, who could teach advanced placement classes in that subject exclusively, should be considered before the hiring of educational "coaches" or additional administrators.

Having advanced sixth grade math students in self-contained classrooms teaching themselves in the hallway ( which is the best option currently) while waiting for the others to catch up hardly seems like a reasonable alternative to a genuine advanced math program. Most middle schools have those programs; most sixth graders are in the middle school. It is to the advantage of our sixth graders (and fifth graders too) to have a similar program here. They are middle school students, after all, and are deserving of those opportunities.

Thank you for reading and listening to our concerns as parents and tax payers in the community.

Regards,

Mr. and Mrs. Hosford



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**FW: 2019-2020 budget**

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Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 2:51 PM

**From:** Scott Heino [mailto:sheino@chesterfieldschool.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 2:18 PM  
**To:** Patrick Pisano  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2019-2020 budget

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**From:** John Probasco <johnprobasco@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 1:25 PM  
**Subject:** 2019-2020 budget  
**To:** christina\_hoggan1@chesterfieldschool.com <christina\_hoggan1@chesterfieldschool.com>, amy\_jablonski1@chesterfieldschool.com <amy\_jablonski1@chesterfieldschool.com>, terran\_brown1@chesterfieldschool.com <terran\_brown1@chesterfieldschool.com>, jaclyn\_halaw1@chesterfieldschool.com <jaclyn\_halaw1@chesterfieldschool.com>, matthew\_litt1@chesterfieldschool.com <matthew\_litt1@chesterfieldschool.com>, sheino@chesterfieldschool.com <sheino@chesterfieldschool.com>

Greetings All,

I wanted to take this opportunity to write the full board and express my displeasure with the preliminary budget presented at the March 11 meeting. After viewing the video on the district's website I believe that the board is not being very true to the statements that the FFAC promised to residents when it was trying to garner community support. The committee continually stressed that strong community support would help us receive much needed state funds so that the school would be able to lower taxes to Chesterfield residents. Chesterfield Township Elementary has received more than 2 million additional dollars and has not reduced or even kept the local levy the same.

Dr. Brown expressed his concern with this budget being unsustainable only to be dismissed by other members. It appears that no matter how much money the school receives the board will spend that amount and still seek more. Dr. Brown also asked that the board consider the other factors which affect the local tax rate, again to be dismissed by other members because other

factors were not this board's concern. The NJ State School Board Association gives local school boards the authority to create a budget which provides for a fair and efficient education. The budget should give the district the best that the community can afford. The board members on March 11 made great light of the fact that it was only \$64 per home that would go back to the taxpayer and that it would maybe buy a dinner at Red Robin. That money would also provide for a couple of Drs. office co-pays, help pay for a child to play extracurricular sports, buy girl scout cookies from the local troop and more. Board members only spoke of requesting either a 1% or 2% tax increase as if there were no other options. If the board did not ask the town for any additional tax money or even decreased the request obviously homeowners would have even more of their own money to do what they wanted to do with it.

Board members also made reference to spending money on the school in an effort to increase home values. I find this to be completely outside of the responsibilities of the school board. My family has lived in Chesterfield township for multiple generations and hopes to reside here for many more generations. We have no intention of selling our home once we are finished with the school district and would request that the board not view this town as a stopover location. Children in this town have received fair and efficient education for many generations. I would expect them to continue this trend into the future, but this can only continue if the board budgets in a more sustainable fashion. Please include this in board correspondence this evening.

Thank you for your time,

John Probasco

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Scott Heino

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