



**TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS**  
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To our friends in Toms River, South Toms River, Pine Beach, and Beachwood,

First off I would like to thank you for your support with Toms River Regional Schools' Rebuilding Our Schools Initiative. With the referendum being overwhelmingly supported, it just shows what a great and united community we have.

As I am sure you are aware, the state is currently about to decimate our school district. There is a plan in place to take more than \$80,000,000 (yes, *eighty million dollars*) cumulatively over the next six years from our school funding. The state's plan is for us to replace this money through taxes. With a cap of 2 percent, this is impossible and unfair to ask of our taxpayers. This year the state is slated to take between \$2.3-\$2.5 million, forcing the district to cut more than \$5 million to stay under the cap. This money grab will cost our district approximately 80 jobs, fewer supplies, countless cutbacks, and will adversely impact athletic programs.

I am not asking for money, just support. We need EVERY citizen in our great town to get out and make their disapproval known to the state.

I would encourage each councilmember to reach out to their constituents with Town Hall-type meetings at local diners, firehouses, Town Hall itself, and/or local businesses. Talking this through over a cup of coffee with our community members will help raise awareness and bring EVERY person in this town on board and motivate them to get involved.

Most importantly, we are planning a bus trip to Trenton on March 5, 2019, and we are asking everyone to join us. We will be supplying a minimum of 10-50 passenger buses, and hopefully more if needed. We all need to let Trenton know that we are not going to take this sitting down. Our newspapers and local media will be very active in providing us coverage, and the district and our board members will be using every means at our disposal to share information about this stand we are taking. Please help us spread this message however you can.

Please contact me as soon as possible and let me know what you can do to support us in this effort. Superintendent David Healy, Business Administrator William Doering, and myself will gladly attend your Town Hall meetings to help inform the community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to assist you however I can. As you can see, time is of the essence and this cannot be put on the back burner. We all must come out in full force, and having everyone on board will help immensely.

Remember, "United we stand."

Respectfully,

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