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From: LINDA Wengel <lwengel@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget for Para-Educators

I will admit this request is personal in a way but surely is for the good of the many media specialists in elementary schools whose para-educators are about to be eliminated. My daughter, a media specialist at Centennial Lane Elementary, lost her specially trained para-educator this past year because of the job freeze imposed last year. Her ability to do her job which in addition to teaching weekly classes for all k-5 students, includes serving as the technology resource for the entire school, was only possible because of the generosity of parent volunteers. Not all schools will have the luxury of recruiting volunteers, and both the media specialists, many of whom have double Master Degrees, and their students will be adversely affected by this budget cut.

As I watched the work session last Friday, I was truly taken aback by the effects of budget cuts being suggested in this wealthiest of counties. I hope the Council can find a way to increase the HCPSS funding. Thank you, Linda Wengel

Sent from my iPad

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From: Gene Daniller <genedaniller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 7:32 PM
To: Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail
Cc: Sheri
Subject: Investing in kids = smart money

Mr. Kittleman,
Investing in our children will pay dividends in our community for many years. The Board of Education's budget honors commitments made to employees, and restores support staff to help kids in our kindergarten classrooms and media centers.

Further, the Board has reined in central office expenditures and put money back in the classroom where it is needed most.

Our county is growing every year. So, too, should your commitment to students. Please fully fund the Board of Education's request.

Thank you,

Gene and Sheri Daniller