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To: CouncilMail

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Dear Howard County Councilmembers:

My name is Linda Sciotti a Howard County PTA member from Northfield Elementary School. I value the Howard County educational system. I am in support of full funding the proposed fiscal year 2023 operating and capital budgets provided by the Howard County Public School System Board of Education. Please make every effort to restore the difference from the proposed executive budget. If parents are able to see a break down of funding or where our taxes go to fund schools. Like school supplies, busses, teachers' pay/incentives, pre k programs. Thank you

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From: Amy Grutzik <agrutzik@gmail.com>
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Council members,

The HCPSS BOE last week discussed reducing class sizes by 1. Because of the cost of this they decided to just focus on reducing ES class sizes.

I believe a more targeted approach would be more prudent.

For example, the BOE reduce the class size for **Mathematics and English** classes in all the **middle schools**?

I know all grades could benefit from the reduction, but if it has to be “cherry picked” could the administration looked at where students are struggling the most, especially with the pandemic.

This way possibly getting “more bang for the buck”. What would the cost be for including this scenario?

From what I remember, the last time the school system increased class sizes, they did not increase kindergarten class sizes. So I believe it could be targeted.

My daughter is in 7th grade and her math class has over 30 students in it. Her teacher cannot focus on all of her kids needs with this size class.

Can this be a consideration in your budget discussions today?

Thank you!

Amy Grutzik