

To whom it may concern,

I am Blaze Fabry, a secondary mathematics teacher at the Fairchild Wheeler IT High School in Bridgeport, CT.

I am writing out of budget cut concerns. My understanding is that current budget cuts will negatively effect the BPS budget by \$7 million.

As a mathematics teacher, I have to tell you that Bridgeport is not paying as much as nearby towns. Norwalk with a similar student population pays a lot more, not to mention suburbs that pay also much better. I know it is hard to fill mathematics position in cities like Bridgeport and Hartford due to lack of enough math teachers state wide. Bridgeport can't afford to fall back on the pay scale and I'm afraid a budgetary cuts will eventually lead to that.

I am also aware that the BPS district is low on funds for teaching materials. I was part of the committee selecting teaching materials for the digital age. If budget is cut I am afraid we will not be able to purchase the right material for students and will have to teach from older, not so digital material. With COVID forcing us to teach remotely, digital teaching materials are of paramount importance.

Due to these considerations I ask you to rethink budgetary cuts to the Bridgeport Public Schools.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

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