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HB 6618 An Act Concerning CERTAIN FUNDING ISSUES AFFECTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Dear Members of the Education Committee:

In 2019, as part of Public Act 117 (the State Budget Act), municipalities were given the ability to increase their contributions to a non-lapsing account for educational purposes – specifically increasing the contribution from one percent of the total budgeted appropriation for the prior year to two percent.

Unfortunately, regional school districts were not included in this change as our ability to contribute to a reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures is covered under a different statute (Chapter 164, Section 10-51). As this was not changed, regional school districts are still bound by a one percent contribution to their capital and nonrecurring expenses fund.

As a district that has gone out to bond twice in the last three years, providing regional school district the same the same abilities as our peers who provide educational services in single municipalities can directly translate to lower borrowing and ultimately less of a tax burden on the residents. Please consider and act in favor of HB 6618 An Act Concerning CERTAIN FUNDING ISSUES AFFECTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer P. Byars". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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