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Dear President Sharkey,

At the last board meeting, one of the questions to the board was about the Superintendent's introduction letter to the board on the budget where a significant error in the population of High Bridge (stated as 5000 currently is less than 3500) and the square miles of the town (5.94 square miles, we are 2.43). Looking back at the online repository of reports (available online at NJDOE) this error has been present in the introduction letter section since 2016 and it should be noted contradicts the more detailed demographic look-back data that is within the main body of the audit. While I do not see the mistake as influencing the actual budget I find it concerning that no members of the Board identified this error in 6 years especially since as mentioned above population figures are given in the body of the audit . While this oversight hopefully does not reflect on the boards role in advocating for a budget that is in line not only with the educational needs of its students but with the community's ability to support such an oversight affects my confidence that the appropriate level of detail is being taken.

kind regards,

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Cindy Sharkey
High Bridge School Board