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Subject: Re: High Bridge Schools Cut in State Funding for 2023/2024 school year

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As requested by the High Bridge Board of Education President, C. Sharkey, previously and at last night's Council meeting, please consider allowing a Borough PSA to be issued for the purpose of informing the public about the recent proposed State Aid cuts to our schools.

There are significant tax implications in the reduction in State Funding of our schools from ~\$1.4 million in 2021/2022 to ~\$750,000 for 2023/2024. All residents and taxpayers of High Bridge should be informed about the issue, not simply those that have children currently in the elementary or middle schools.

It is my understanding that the legislation will be voted on in early April. The sooner the public is informed, the sooner people can contact our State representatives.

If allowed, I am certain the HBBOE could compose a succinct and appropriate PSA .

Thank you

Alan Schwartz, Councilman

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