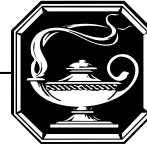


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Dear Island Park School Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we look ahead to the budget planning process for the 2024-25 school year, I want to update you on where the District stands regarding Governor Hochul's proposed state budget.

As you may have heard, the governor's budget proposal includes a reduction in state aid for many school districts throughout the state, including Island Park. Through the proposal, our District is estimated to lose approximately \$118,000 in state aid.

For our small District, this loss in aid exacerbates an already challenging financial situation. The aftermath of the LIPA/Nassau County Tax Certiorari Settlement with respect to the E.F. Barrett Power Plant has resulted in a substantial loss of revenue. This, coupled with a proposed loss in state aid, poses a threat to the quality of education our students receive and jeopardizes the ability of our school district to maintain essential programs and services.

Please know that we are doing all we can to advocate for the full restoration of this aid before the state budget is adopted in early April. I have written and spoken to our local legislators and earlier today, participated in a press conference attended by New York State Senate and Assembly members, with our Board of Education President, Jack Vobis, as well as other school leaders from across the County urging our elected officials to help restore state aid.

I, along with our entire Board of Education and administration, are committed to championing the needs of our district to ensure that we can continue to provide the necessary programs and services vital for the academic, social and emotional growth and development of our students. I'd like to extend my appreciation to our local legislators for their efforts in assisting us throughout this process, the Island Park PTA for their continued advocacy, and parents and community residents who have joined this cause.

We will continue to keep you updated throughout this process and are hopeful that our collective efforts will result in a full restoration of aid so that we can safeguard the educational future of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Randazzo', written in a cursive style.

Vincent Randazzo  
Superintendent of Schools