Raymond School District

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Raymond School Board,

This draft budget for the 2022-2023 school year was a collaborative effort of my entire administrative team. We developed this budget to support our district goals and looked for opportunities to create efficiencies within our district without compromising student services.

By design we wanted to present to you a budget that was fiscally conservative without having an adverse effect on our ability to perform and move our programs forward next year. We will continue to do our best to support and maintain appropriate class sizes in all our school buildings as we recognize the strength of a school district hinges on the relationship between students and teachers.

We believe this draft budget will continue the work of our district in keeping our mission and vision moving forward and will support the District's five year strategic plan. Our overall goal is to ensure FY23 funds will be sufficient to continue the creation of a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff in our district.

I recognize the financial obligations a school department places on the community. I also know that public education is still the best investment a town can make to ensure the community's overall success. As we continue to work through the lingering effects of the pandemic, our focus must be on funding a district that will enhance academic achievement and support the personal resilience of our students and staff.

We look forward to working closely with you to further refine this proposed budget.

Dr. Dave DeRuosi, Jr., Interim Superintendent of Schools