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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to share serious concerns regarding the City of Warwick's proposed funding for our school department in the upcoming fiscal year—and to ask for your help.

The Mayor's Recommended Budget proposes an increase of just \$409,000 to our schools' operating budget. This represents a mere **.29%** increase over our current local appropriation of approximately \$141 million. By comparison, other city departments are proposed to receive operating budget increases of up to 10%.

While we understand the City faces complex fiscal responsibilities, we believe this proposed increase does not reflect the urgency of the needs in our schools. Warwick educators and school staff continue to work hard to provide the highest quality education for our students. But continued underfunding puts essential programs, student services, and staff positions at risk. In fact, we have already made the difficult decision to reduce 45 staff positions and cut back on non-staffing expenditures in next year's budget.

We must do everything we can to prevent further reductions that would directly affect our children's learning experience.

On May 19, 2025, the City Council will hold a public meeting to discuss the municipal budget. This meeting will take place at 4:00 PM at Warwick City Council Chambers, 3275 Post Road. I strongly encourage you to attend, make your voice heard, and show the City Council that Warwick families care deeply about the future of our schools.

Even if you are unable to attend the meeting, you can still make a difference by reaching out to your City Council representative to share your thoughts about the importance of adequate funding for our schools.

Anthony Sinapi	Council President (Ward 8)	(401) 474-2069
William Foley	Councilman - Pro Temp (Ward 1)	(401) 391-8777
Edgar Ladouceur	Councilman - Finance Chair (Ward 5)	(401) 447-7181
Jeremy Rix	Councilman - Majority Leader (Ward 2)	(401) 263-5559
Bryan Nappa	Councilman (Ward 3)	(401) 388-0550
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William Muto	Councilman (Ward 6)	(401) 741-8747
Jack Kirby	Councilman (Ward 7)	(401) 203-9061
Vincent Gebhart	Councilman (Ward 9)	(401) 307-1284

Additionally, please consider taking a few moments to sign this petition: [LINK HERE](#)

Our students deserve the best education we can provide—and that requires appropriate investment from the entire community. Thank you for your continued support and your commitment to Warwick's children.

Sincerely,

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