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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In response to the \$159,811 reduction in the education cost sharing grant (ECS) funds from the State of Connecticut that are received by the Town of Sterling as revenue, the Sterling Board of Education proposed a resolution regarding the 2017-2018 budget. Whereas the Town requested that the Sterling Board of Education reduce its expenditures by the above amount, the Sterling Board of Education worked cooperatively with the Town in an effort to avoid the additional costs of a potential mid-year budget referendum for the voters to consider the question whether to reduce the Town appropriations to the Board for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the Board resolved to make its best effort to reduce its expenditures for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by \$65,000 with an aspiration to return unexpended funds from the Board's 2017-2018 operating budget to the Town in the amount of \$65,000 at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The difficult decisions that were made to enact cost savings are as follows:

Stipend positions eliminated:	\$3,156
Late bus eliminated:	\$3,000
Reduction of paraprofessional hours	\$19,000
Reduction of administrative assistant hours	\$3,500
Elimination of library aide position	\$20,121
Elimination of bookkeeper/office assistant position	\$6,384
1 District Furlough Day	\$15,556
Total	\$70,717

Please be aware that the district furlough day required that our students' academic year be reduced from 181 days to 180 days. As such, the Board of Education voted at their March 28th regular board of education meeting to reduce the academic year for students by one day and to amend the school calendar.

Thank-you all for everything you do for our students, our school and our district.

Sincerely,

Gail Lanza
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