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Dr. Frank Hackett, Superintendent of Schools

February 17, 2023

TO: Beth Rudolph, Town Manager/Engineer
FROM: Frank Hackett, Superintendent of Schools
RE: Revised ARPA Request

I am writing to request an adjustment to the ARPA funding proposal I submitted in January 2022 on behalf of the School Committee. However, I first want to thank you and the Select Board for approving the broadband infrastructure at Muraco Elementary, and while not a request from us, the replacement of the turf at Manchester field is genuinely appreciated.

I would like to request that consideration be given to funding the transportation of our Lynch students to the Parkhurst school for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, with Lynch projected to open in the fall of 2025. We are estimating that the per year cost of busing to Parkhurst will be between \$200,000 - \$500,000 beyond our current budgeted transportation contract. It should be noted that our general education transportation contract expires at the end of next year and will need to be put out for bid for the 2024-2025 and beyond school years. I also recognize that there are timelines for ARPA spending that may impact this request, particularly for year two.

I understand that the above estimate is a wide range, but we felt it important to get this request in front of the Board as part of their budget deliberations. We anticipate a final number sometime in mid to late March.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Hackett
Superintendent of Schools