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Hi Hillary,

I've been in touch with Cathy DiPasqua-Egan about the school operating assessment. In speaking with her, I created a document that shows the way that Hanson can introduce a Motion to Amend Article 5 that will fully fund the School Operating Assessment. I've copied Cathy on this e-mail at her request.

If you have the chance to listen to the March 12, 2024 Select Board Meeting, where John Madden,(former Duxbury Director of Finance and now a Financial Consultant hired by towns to recommend how to balance budgets) starts to make recommendations on how to solve Hanson's budget problems, he identifies Unemployment Compensation, funded with $30,000 in taxation, as one area where it should be funded with Free Cash to free up the levy. Kevin Sullivan replies "…that's one of the sneaky methods we use to generate Free Cash" . Meaning the Finance Committee has for years intentionally overfunded certain line items in Article 5 with levy dollars that are never spent and then turned into Free Cash at the end of the fiscal year. The other line item discussed is the $125,000 Reserve Fund.

I am sending you a document that spells out the math and also gives you some explicit wording to use at Town Meeting next Monday to amend Article 5 to fund the $372,140 school operating assessment deficit. If your Town Meeting is like ours, you will need to provide your Moderator with a written copy of your amendment before you read it.

I am available to chat if you want to. I really hope – for everyone's sake – that Hanson Town Meeting can be convinced to resolve this impasse next Monday and spare the teachers this anguish of receiving a pink slip.

My number is 617-372-0188 if you want to discuss this further. Good luck. Madame Vice-Chair.

Kathleen■

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