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Windham Elementary School Board

Sent Via Email

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Dear School Board Members:

There is a concern that the budget as it stands now will increase considerably if a teacher is employed to work alongside Mr. Jennings. Has the board knowledge of what this expenditure would be including all taxes and health care costs associated with an additional hire?

Would an additional assistant be employed, and what would those costs be?

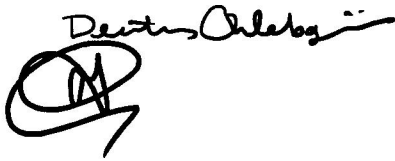
I think it financially responsible for the board to hire , (if this is the case) an already qualified teacher so that the tax payer is not funding expenses as they did for Mr. Jennings, please correct us if we are wrong, but Mr. Jennings education was paid for by the absolute consensus of the school board and not from the will of a town vote?

The town report does not indicate the costs associated with children attending Leyand and Gray, please advise as to why, so that we may better understand the true educational costs of our children in Windham.

Lastly, although we see 35 years of collective experience between Beth and Carolyn, we do feel that foresight has been neglected into the future of not just Windham's school issues, but the entire state of Vermont. It is plainly obviously that quality education and fiscal responsibility to the tax payers cannot

be met with this model of resorting to every possible measure to keep this school operational in a state where population is declining. If it were a private school, we would not have the same thought process, as parents would be paying out of pocket as they would be choosing to send their children to a small school. We fear that not enough is being done by the board to implement the school choice option, before we are totally locked into a scenario forced by the state. One only has to look around to see how many one and two room school houses exist that have been turned into residences. It is with that that we would like to divert from the "more of the same model" and move into an era of progression for a future that has imminent forced change on the horizon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Demetrios Chleboiannis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D" and "C".

Demetrios (Jim) & Joanne (Jo-Jo) Chleboiannis