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Dear School Committee Members: March 21, 1991

As a recently fired state employee, I understand that budget deficits are real and that choices have to be made about where and how cuts can be made. I'm writing to you to implore you as a School Committee member to save some of the staff from the Bureau of Public Services.

These staff help the children who need the extra services now in order to become healthy, educated, and productive adults. I know how important their services are - my son has benefited tremendously by the Agassiz School Reading specialist and the adjustment counselor. Through their intervention my son was diagnosed as someone who had no learning disability (as was guessed by a teacher) but did not problems learning to read. The reading specialist has changed his abilities from a non-reader to a kid who reads chapter books. His self-confidence

has improved accordingly.

These are tough times. Decision-makers need, I believe, to ensure that those who most need governmental support receive it. Children who need services like counseling & special instruction can't wait until the economy improves. (Whereas, other children can afford to have less innovation, less ^{administrative} management support.)

Please try to make the cuts in programs and with staff whose impacts on school children can be ameliorated over time.

Thank you

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15 Kirkland Road, regarding the School
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