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Dear Parents,

As most of you are aware our attempt to spare the Mine Hill Township School district from the Governor's cuts had little impact. Despite all that Mine Hill has voluntarily done to maintain low costs by sharing services, we still have lost a total of \$590,271.00 in state aid. We also had to offset our tuition adjustments to Dover and our 4.5% increase in Dover tuition for next year. This means that we had to cover a deficit of approximately 1 million dollars. The Mine Hill Township Board of Education and administration have put in many hours trying to put together a fiscally responsible budget that has the least impact on student learning. This process typically takes months to do and I want to thank all that were involved for the long hours they put in to put this budget together in a week and a half.

I want to **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** you to attend our Public Budget Hearing on **MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010**, at 7:30 pm in the gym of our school. We are aware that this meeting is taking place over the spring vacation; however, due to the state mandated time line we had no other alternative. I want to also ask you to tell as many neighbors as you can to attend this meeting, especially those neighbors who do not have children attending the Canfield Avenue School.

As always, thank you for your support. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Walilko
President, Mine Hill Township Board of Education