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TO THE CITIZENS OF GREENVILLE:

First of all, please allow me to share how much I have appreciated the ability to work as your Superintendent of Schools here in School Union 60 this past year. The cooperation, support, and feedback from the Greenville School Committee and the citizens of the Town of Greenville has been thorough, well intentioned, and positive as we all work together for the benefit of our schools and our school children.

The 2007-2008 budget was \$3,415,851.70 while the proposed budget for 2008-2009 totals \$3,315,126.56. This proposed budget represents a DECREASE of \$100,725.14 for expenditures towards education. Although this sounds good, unfortunately, due mostly to state subsidy cuts, the revenue story is very different.

The revenue anticipated for the coming year includes a balance of \$500,000.00 (last year's amount was \$522,118.00). In addition, the state subsidy of \$125,901.86, (last year's amount was \$360,379.49) a local with state of \$1,633,395.67 (last year's amount was \$1,693,547.31) and a local without state of \$628,929.03 (last year's amount was \$436,597.60). These revenue figures coupled with \$59,000.00 in Medicaid funds, and a projected \$366,900.00 in tuition monies all come together to fund this year's budget. This represents an actual total **increase** to taxpayers of \$132,179.79 or .40 additional mils to fund education in the Town of Greenville.

We will continue to be challenged financially over the next few years, and the cooperation of all stakeholders will be paramount in order to meet our educational needs. Greenville voters will have many choices to make in the coming year regarding school budget approval, regionalization, and many others that will have a tremendous impact upon our school and community for many years to come. These choices will not be easy, and ultimately the path that will be chosen will be chosen by each of you as the voters and taxpayers of Greenville. The Greenville Schools have an excellent track record of providing quality educational services to the children of this community, and we hope to continue to provide that quality service for many years to come. We will continue to need your support in order to do so.

In closing, please allow me to once again thank the Town of Greenville for their flexibility and willingness to work with my office through these troubling times. With the budget validation process, you have been asked to change the way you approve the school budget by the state. You have been willing to work with me to make the necessary adjustments in the approval process, and for that I am appreciative. I would also like to thank those members of the community who have volunteered their services to work with the Regional Planning Committee to create a plan for regionalization as required by the State. Countless hours have been spent in trying to find our way through the dark on this subject and those who have served the Town of Greenville are to be commended for their efforts to ensure your voices are heard. These are not easy times in education, but together we will persevere for our children.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with comments, concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Thank you,

Heather J. Perry,
Superintendent of Schools

