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Mr. Jeffrey Bender, Superintendent
North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District
1445 State Route 31
Annandale, NJ 08801

Dear Mr. Bender:

It was a pleasure to meet with you for the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District FY 2018 Mid-Year Budget Review. The intent of the meeting was to discuss upcoming challenges and to provide some prospective on the potential impact of curriculum, educational programs and technology initiatives for budget planning purposes.

It is noted that the district has had a zero percent tax increase in the past several years. A zero percent tax increase will be very difficult to sustain with a health insurance cost estimated increase of fourteen percent and negotiations with all collective bargaining units which expire on June 30, 2018, for the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District to continue to offer high quality programs. The district is investing in STEM programs, and there have been two academies with Hunterdon County Vocational School District: Biomedical and Engineering.

I appreciate your commitment to fostering an environment committed to academic excellence for students and staff and look forward to working with you as you prepare your upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Torres".

Juan Torres

Interim Executive County Superintendent

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