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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The 2018 School Performance reports are now available. The following link [MERS school data](#) will allow you to review the reports for all the schools in the district as well as the parent letter suggested by the Department of Education ([state parent letter](#)). As you can see I have chosen not to use the Department of Education letter.

I found it ironic that within a week of the release of our state aid figures for 2019-2020, the NJ Department of Education decided to also release the school report cards. On one hand the people of Manalapan and Englishtown should be very proud of their public schools. One of them, Clark Mills School is probably among the top 25 schools in the state. All of our schools ranked above the median and the majority ranked well above the median. In many ways, the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School district is an example of best practice which should be emulated throughout the state. And this was accomplished at a cost per pupil of \$14,003, which is significantly below the median and represents a high level of efficiency.

On the other hand, on March 7th we were informed our state aid was cut \$1,538,749. This is only the beginning of the significant reductions that we will be facing. The forced implementation of the fatally flawed SFRA due to Senate Bill 2 will be responsible for the deterioration of this great school district.

As part of our celebration of the district's performance, I would like to take this opportunity to invite Governor Murphy, Commissioner Repollet and Senator Sweeny to visit Clark Mills School. We would like to show you how we have made significant progress in eliminating the achievement gap and ensuring all students make significant academic growth and how this can be a model for the entire state. There is one small caveat, I would suggest you come soon because in a year or two we probably won't have anything to show you except class sizes that have ballooned, a drastically reduced support staff that is overwhelmed and unable to meet the needs of our struggling learners and the reemergence of an achievement gap that will impact children for the rest of their lives.

Sincerely,

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c: Governor Murphy
Commissioner Repollet
Senator Sweeny