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Dear Student Families,

We understand that the pandemic has caused much economic hardship impacting many of our student families. As we have always done, the Wharton Public School District has made it a priority to continuously operate in the most fiscally responsible and efficient manner possible.

As in most towns, the school facility is the most valuable piece of real estate in the community. In recent years, the district has ensured that our school buildings are maintained and enhanced to continue to service the youth of Wharton for years to come.

The Wharton Borough Public School District has been able to accomplish this service to the community without assuming any debt or issuing a referendum, for vote, asking residents for additional tax dollars.

Resurfacing the roof of all three buildings, replacing the entire HVAC system and adding air purification devices, and constructing security vestibules at the entrances of both Duffy and MacKinnon are examples of investments made in the facility.

A number of projects have benefited the entire Wharton community. Air conditioning and improved sound systems have been added to both the gymnasium and the All Purpose Room. These areas of the facility are regularly used by town and other organizations. Additionally, the “Big Toy”, outdoor playground area, enjoyed daily by community members, underwent a major underground drainage repair and was topped with a modern surface and equipment for play and exercise.

These capital projects are simply a portion of the efforts to maintain and improve this valuable asset of Wharton Borough. It is the district’s goal to strive to continue to enhance the community’s school buildings, without referendum, additional funds, by aggressively and creatively saving and budgeting to finance projects within the parameters of our annual budget.

In addition to the maintenance and substantial upgrades done to our facility, technology and offerings, and at a time in which many schools are in need of increased funding, the Wharton Borough Public School District has been able to reduce our operating budget to an amount under the annual two percent increase in an effort to reduce costs for families during a challenging economic climate.

This, in no way, will impact our learning acceleration and recovery efforts that are outlined in a letter available on the district website. The district has proactively exhausted all state and federal grant monies to ensure that our students are provided the academic and social emotional supports needed to successfully move forward from the pandemic.

Understanding the hardships impacting many, coupled by the sound financial operations of the district, we have been able to and will continue to provide nutritional, academic and social emotional supports, and do so, all, while reducing our costs.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Herdman

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