

## MacMichael, Mary

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**Cc:** Silverstein, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Aid Application  
**Attachments:** GLOUCESTER COUNTY AID SHIFTS.pdf

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Senator Sweeney,

As the President of the Glassboro Board of Education, I have advocated for support of your efforts to promote full and fair funding through SFRA. Most recently, I was a panel presenter at the joint Camden/Gloucester County School Boards Association meeting on 10/2/18 with Jim Lavender, Joe Bollendorf, and John Horchak to discuss the impact on shifts in funding. I applauded efforts to help Kingsway, whose growth had significantly outpaced the caps, that have since been lifted.

Through discussion with Mark Magyar, I was able to convince an angry Board of Education and community to accept the \$1.8 million in cuts, then adopt a resolution to apply for emergency aid (submitted 8/13/18) to cover the loss. Since then, I have had to continually reassure the Board and community that we had full confidence in the process and the state would provide the necessary relief to enable time to adjust to the shifts in funding.

We certainly recognize the shifts in enrollment, but since we don't know the calculations to determine the impact of population and demographic shifts that have caused changes in the "fair share" contribution, its becoming increasing difficult to suppress fear and anger in the community. I pulled data on enrollment levels, state funding, and shifts in "fair share" allocations across all districts in the county over the past 10 years of SFRA (see attached). For example, Delsea and Paulsboro both lost more than 10% of their population, yet their cost per pupil "fair share" increased by double digits, with Paulsboro increasing by nearly 29%. During the same period, Glassboro experience a reduction in state aid of 1%, with a similar reduction in enrollment.

I was quite taken by surprised, as your office was regarding the severe impact of the aid adjustment, regarding the overall shift in "fair share" allocations over the past 10 years. This is particularly concerning as you presented at our board of education meeting and intimated that we were under-funded, only now to find out we are now over-funded.

Our superintendent indicated that he has not received any response regarding inquiries about the status of our emergency aid application, and with another BOE meeting scheduled for 10/17/18, I find it increasingly difficult to continue to urge patience among the board and community alone. I have served on the

Glassboro BOE for the past 20 years. The community has placed confidence in my leadership and judgement, but as you know credibility can quickly fade when a community is growing wary.

I am requesting a member of your staff (or yourself) be available to address the board and community and provide us a status on our application during our next scheduled meeting. Additionally, I am requesting your office provide the community a better understanding of state's formula, and apparent demographic shifts, that have negatively impacted districts such as Glassboro and Logan Township under SFRA.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you.

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GLOUCESTER COUNTY  
SFRA (2008 VS 2018)  
ENROLLMENT/STATE AID

District	ENROLLMENT				STATE AID				Shift % Enrollment vs. Aid	Per Pupil 2008	Per Pupil 2018	Per Pupil Shift	% Shift
	2018	2008	CHANGE	%	2018	2008	CHANGE	%					
South Harrison Twp	365	337	28	8.3%	1,692,928	\$1,154,467	\$538,461	46.6%	38.3%	\$ 3,426	\$ 4,638	\$ 1,212	35.4%
Paulsboro Boro	1,125	1,343	(218)	-16.2%	13,068,258	\$12,103,892	\$964,366	8.0%	24.2%	\$ 9,013	\$ 11,616	\$ 2,604	28.9%
Wenonah Boro	181	244	(63)	-25.8%	483,014	\$510,970	(\$27,956)	-5.5%	20.3%	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,669	\$ 574	27.4%
Swedesboro-Woolwich	1,657	1,582	75	4.7%	7,578,556	\$5,797,965	\$1,780,591	30.7%	26.0%	\$ 3,665	\$ 4,574	\$ 909	24.8%
Kingsway Regional	2,701	2,130	571	26.8%	11,729,113	\$7,625,782	\$4,103,331	53.8%	27.0%	\$ 3,580	\$ 4,343	\$ 762	21.3%
Monroe Twp	5,932	6,109	(177)	-2.9%	37,527,604	\$33,004,104	\$4,523,500	13.7%	16.6%	\$ 5,403	\$ 6,326	\$ 924	17.1%
Mantua Twp	1,267	1,563	(296)	-18.9%	6,136,081	\$6,573,613	(\$437,532)	-6.7%	12.3%	\$ 4,206	\$ 4,843	\$ 637	15.2%
Pitman Boro	1,294	1,567	(273)	-17.4%	9,585,915	\$10,119,143	(\$533,228)	-5.3%	12.2%	\$ 6,458	\$ 7,408	\$ 950	14.7%
West Deptford Twp	2,885	3,187	(302)	-9.5%	12,952,046	\$12,511,152	\$440,894	3.5%	13.0%	\$ 3,926	\$ 4,489	\$ 564	14.4%
Woodbury City	1,563	1,593	(30)	-1.9%	13,061,553	\$11,670,443	\$1,391,110	11.9%	13.8%	\$ 7,326	\$ 8,357	\$ 1,031	14.1%
Delsea Regional H.S Dist.	1,602	1,790	(188)	-10.5%	14,016,426	\$13,746,611	\$269,815	2.0%	12.5%	\$ 7,680	\$ 8,749	\$ 1,070	13.9%
Gateway Regional	913	909	4	0.4%	8,004,738	\$7,157,699	\$847,039	11.8%	11.4%	\$ 7,874	\$ 8,768	\$ 893	11.3%
Harrison Twp	1,406	1,515	(109)	-7.2%	6,095,292	\$5,964,559	\$130,733	2.2%	9.4%	\$ 3,937	\$ 4,335	\$ 398	10.1%
Clearview Regional	2,321	2,425	(104)	-4.3%	14,906,929	\$14,176,041	\$730,888	5.2%	9.4%	\$ 5,846	\$ 6,423	\$ 577	9.9%
Franklin Twp	1,405	1,451	(46)	-3.2%	9,274,364	\$8,778,459	\$495,905	5.6%	8.8%	\$ 6,050	\$ 6,601	\$ 551	9.1%
Washington Twp	7,247	8,722	(1,475)	-16.9%	48,629,792	\$53,730,145	(\$5,100,353)	-9.5%	7.4%	\$ 6,160	\$ 6,710	\$ 550	8.9%
National Park Boro	271	305	(34)	-11.1%	2,150,650	\$2,231,176	(\$80,526)	-3.6%	7.5%	\$ 7,315	\$ 7,936	\$ 621	8.5%
Deptford Twp	4,257	4,393	(136)	-3.1%	25,513,472	\$24,469,604	\$1,043,868	4.3%	7.4%	\$ 5,570	\$ 5,993	\$ 423	7.6%
East Greenwich Twp	1,280	911	369	40.5%	4,087,465	\$2,746,260	\$1,341,205	48.8%	8.3%	\$ 3,015	\$ 3,193	\$ 179	5.9%
Clayton Boro	1,428	1,304	124	9.5%	10,803,765	\$9,487,623	\$1,316,142	13.9%	4.4%	\$ 7,276	\$ 7,566	\$ 290	4.0%
Elk Twp	377	376	1	0.3%	2,551,049	\$2,564,993	(\$13,944)	-0.5%	-0.8%	\$ 6,822	\$ 6,767	\$ (55)	-0.8%
Westville Boro	362	348	14	4.0%	2,679,067	\$2,602,423	\$76,644	2.9%	-1.1%	\$ 7,478	\$ 7,401	\$ (77)	-1.0%
Glassboro	2,035	2,308	(273)	-11.8%	14,754,327	\$16,937,009	(\$2,182,682)	-12.9%	-1.1%	\$ 7,338	\$ 7,250	\$ (88)	-1.2%
Woodbury Heights Boro	228	237	(9)	-3.8%	988,769	\$1,047,489	(\$58,720)	-5.6%	-1.8%	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,337	\$ (83)	-1.9%
Logan Twp	832	886	(54)	-6.1%	5,215,466	\$5,906,773	(\$691,307)	-11.7%	-5.6%	\$ 6,667	\$ 6,269	\$ (398)	-6.0%
Greenwich Twp	425	533	(108)	-20.3%	1,089,802	\$1,510,178	(\$420,376)	-27.8%	-7.6%	\$ 2,833	\$ 2,564	\$ (269)	-9.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,359</b>	<b>48,068</b>	<b>(2,709)</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>	<b>\$284,576,441</b>	<b>\$274,128,573</b>	<b>\$10,447,868</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>\$ 5,703</b>	<b>\$ 6,274</b>	<b>\$ 571</b>	<b>10.0%</b>