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Mr. Yehuda Weissmandl, President
East Ramapo Central School District Board of Education
105 South Madison Avenue
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Dear Mr. Weissmandl:

In accordance with Chapter 173 of the Laws of 2021, Mr. Bruce Singer, the fiscal monitor that I appointed to the East Ramapo Central School District (“the district”), has provided me with his findings in regard to the district’s proposed budget for the 2022–23 school year. Mr. Singer has found the district’s proposed budget is, to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the district’s long-term strategic academic and fiscal improvement plan (“the plan”); expands educational programming for students, including but not limited to extracurricular activities, course offerings, non-mandated support services, non-mandated art and music classes, programs and services for English language learners and students with disabilities; and maintains class size. Mr. Singer has shared these findings with you and the other members of the Board of Education.

As Mr. Singer has not submitted to me any recommendations on the proposed budget, the district is now required to make available on its website the initial proposed budget, the monitor's findings, and the final proposed budget no later than seven days prior to the date of the district's budget hearing.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Board of Education for the development of a proposed budget that the monitor has found to be balanced and consistent with the district’s approved plan. As Mr. Singer has indicated, the district will face a number of challenges as federal COVID-19 response monies phase out, and the Board of Education will need to provide diligent and prudent stewardship of the district’s resources in order to remain on track to long-term fiscal stability and improved student outcomes.

We look forward to approval of the proposed budget by the East Ramapo community and to continuing to work with you to ensure that all students in the district receive the support they need to succeed.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa

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