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Ms. Olga Brown-Young, President  
Hempstead Union Free School District Board of Education  
185 Peninsula Boulevard  
Hempstead, NY 11550

Dear Ms. Brown-Young:

In accordance with Chapter 19 of the Laws of 2020, Dr. William Johnson, the monitor that I appointed to the Hempstead Union Free School District (“the district”), has provided me with his findings in regard to the district’s proposed budget for the 2022–23 school year. Dr. Johnson has found the district’s proposed budget to be balanced in the context of revenue and expenditure estimates. Dr. Johnson has also found that the proposed district budget provides adequate resources for mandated programs and is, to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the district’s approved academic improvement and financial plans. Dr. Johnson has shared these findings with you and the other members of the Board of Education.

As Dr. Johnson 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 financial plan. As Dr. Johnson has indicated, the district will have the support of federal COVID-19 response monies for only two more years, and the district will need to identify the most efficacious Federally funded programs for continued support in the regular school budget 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 Hempstead 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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