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Dear Elmore-Morristown Families and Community Members,

I would like to provide an update regarding the Act 127 changes and budget impact as a follow up to the EMUU letter sent last week.

There is a virtual and in-person coffee talk planned for next **Wednesday, February 21, at 6PM (Central Office, 46 Copley Ave).** This is for anyone in the community to come and ask questions regarding our current budget process and recent legislative changes**.** The link is HERE and there will also be coffee available for those in attendance.

Here is an overview of the current status:

- As noted in last week's letter, the EMUU Board is moving forward with the annual meeting and budget vote as planned.
- The budget that the board has proposed includes an education spending increase of approximately 7%. In my research, I have not been able to locate a district that is below a 10% increase and most are far above that. It would be very difficult for EMUU to reduce any additional positions at this time.
- My letter last week stated that the revised legislation was beneficial to Elmore-Morristown. I want to clarify that the proposed changes would reduce the tax rate **but** Act 127 is not beneficial to any of our towns. If the new legislation passes, the tax increases are estimated to be 11% in Morristown and 18% in Elmore. These are below what the current law projects.
- The proposed legislation is not final and still needs approval from the entire House, Senate, and the Governor. You can still have a direct impact by contacting your local legislators and telling them they need to either repeal the legislation entirely or raise the yield to an acceptable level.
- If our budget does not pass, a revised budget would be very hard to put forward that does not have a negative impact on students.
- Please share this information and consider attending the coffee talk or emailing / calling directly to learn more.

Thank you,

Ryan Heraty, Superintendent