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Date: September 3, 2019

To: Kaweeda Adams, Superintendent

From: Kimberly Rohring, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance

Re: NYS Division of Budget Transparency Report

The NYS Transparency report was completed and filed with the Division of Budget on the deadline of August 30, 2019. This new reporting requirement defines centralized district expenditures and those that are school specific, while incorporating federal, state, and local funding sources. Total all funds reported was approximately \$286 million. Our federal sources may only be available to specific schools, such as Perkins grant for the CTE program at the high school; and PSSG funds for Hackett Middle School. There are also some exclusions for non-instructional costs (debt service, transportation, school food service), tuition/payments to non-district schools (charter school tuition, BOCES tuition, private placement tuition, charter and non-public school services), and PreK expenses as this is K-12 focused. These costs, approximately \$86 million, are subtracted from the districts total all funds leaving nearly \$200 million to be allocated among the sixteen schools. Please note Abrookin and TCCE are accounted for in Albany High School.

Once fully compiled, the data shows that the district's per student expenditure, which ranges from \$19,465 at Delaware Community School to \$26,673 at O'Neal Middle School. Please see detail in chart below.

| School | Total School Funding per Student |
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| Delaware Community School | \$ 19,465 |
| Pine Hills Elementary School | \$ 19,784 |
| Montessori Magnet School | \$ 20,054 |
| Eagle Point Elementary School | \$ 20,449 |
| Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science & Technology | \$ 20,568 |
| Albany School of Humanities | \$ 20,653 |
| Giffen Memorial Elementary School | \$ 21,348 |
| Arbor Hill Elementary School | \$ 21,691 |
| New Scotland Elementary School | \$ 21,703 |
| Sheridan Preparatory Academy | \$ 22,116 |
| Philip J Schuyler Achievement Academy | \$ 24,183 |
| William S Hackett Middle School | \$ 22,472 |
| Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School | \$ 22,614 |
| North Albany Middle School | \$ 26,062 |
| Edmund J O'Neal Middle School of Excellence | \$ 26,673 |
| Albany High School | \$ 20,628 |

VISION STATEMENT

The City School District of Albany will be a district of excellence with caring relationships and engaging learning experiences that provide equitable opportunities for all students to reach their potential.

MISSION STATEMENT

We will work in partnership with our diverse community to engage every learner in a robust educational program designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for success.

In reviewing the data, we noted that per pupil funding in some schools is influenced by the number of veteran teachers and administrators working in those buildings, i.e. New Scotland Elementary School. We generally see the data playing out as anticipated. Schuyler Achievement Academy does receive additional state grant resources, which is why their funding is highest per pupil. These additional funds are to support the needs of students in that building, including some funds for capital work on the building itself. The funding per pupil in North Albany Middle School is impacted by the current student enrollment, 96 students, which increases the funding amount per pupil. Edmund J O'Neal Middle School of Excellence has the highest funding per pupil at the middle school level. This is attributable to additional resources provided to that school community, as well as having the lowest enrollment of the three middle schools we had at the end of 2018-19 school year. As such, we are able to explain any "anomalies" in the data between buildings.

Please let me know if there are questions on this information.