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Mr. Jarod Morris, President Wyandanch Union Free School District Board of Education Central Administration Building 1445 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., Boulevard Wyandanch, New York 11798

Dear Mr. Morris:

In accordance with Chapter 18 of the Laws of 2020, Mr. Al Chase, the fiscal monitor that I appointed to the Wyandanch Union Free School District ("the district"), has provided me with his findings in regard to the district's proposed budget for the 2023–2024 school year. Mr. Chase has found that the proposed budget is balanced within the context of revenue and expenditure estimates. Mr. Chase has also found that to the greatest extent possible, the proposed budget is consistent with the district's approved financial plan. Mr. Chase has shared these findings with you and the other members of the Board of Education.

As Mr. Chase has not submitted to me any recommendations regarding 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. Please also note that based on your submission of your proposed budget to Mr. Chase and his submission of his findings to me, I consider that you have met the budget submission requirements of §10.10 of Local Finance Law, and I have no recommendations regarding the proposed budget to provide to the board of education pursuant to such section.

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. I am particularly heartened that the 2023–2024 proposed budget includes substantial increases in programs and services for students and that the district's five-year budget projection shows that the district should remain fiscally sound over the coming years.

As Mr. Chase has indicated, a priority for the district now should be to secure the resources necessary to upgrade the district's facilities so they better support achievement of the district's instructional goals.

We look forward to approval of the proposed budget by the Wyandanch 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

Commissioner

CC:

Dr. Lester W. Young, Jr., Chancellor

Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent

Al Chase, Monitor

Dr. James Baldwin, Senior Deputy Commissioner

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