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From: Kellii Wood <kellii2005@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 1, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Petersburg City School District - CAREs Act Funding

Dear Mayor Jensen and Borough Assembly Members,

I have two children, one going into third grade and the other into 5th this Fall, that attend Rae C. Stedman Elementary. I have a great deal of concern about starting the year with a "traditional school" schedule this year in light of our current pandemic situation, as I detailed in a previous email to you regarding masking last week.

I am writing to you today to please consider granting an additional \$778,000 from the CAREs Act to the Petersburg City School District. Without this funding, I worry that our children will not be able to safely start or continue school this year in the school building itself. I am concerned that without the safety precautions the school system wants to implement, that we are opening ourselves up more to a potential outbreak in town. If we cannot keep our teachers, administrators, and children safe within the confines of our school buildings then we are setting up our community for failure. Parents have to work, businesses in town rely on employees with children, and not everyone can work from home to help their children navigate a distance school situation. Many children need in person academics and socialization with their peers. If we cannot provide this safe atmosphere by implementing safety precautions with this funding, then we fail as a community.

This pandemic is real and is a threat to our families and friends. Let's do everything we can to help provide a safe environment for EVERYONE, because we will all benefit in the end.

Again, please consider granting the additional funds to ensure a safe school year. Our children are our town's future - let's protect them.

Sincerely,

Kellii Wood