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Mayor Mark Jensen Assemblyman Bob Lynn Assemblywoman Brandi Marohl Assemblyman Jeff Meucci Assemblyman Taylor Norheim Assemblyman Jeigh Stanton-Gregor Assemblywoman Chelsea Tremblay

Re: Petersburg City School District request for additional funding

Dear Mayor Jensen and Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing today as a parent of two Petersburg City School District students, as a childcare provider for children ages 5-12 with the Kinder Skog Program and as a community member.

I would urge the Assembly to grant the request of an additional \$778,000 in funding from the CAREs Act to the Petersburg City School District. Healthy communities depend on healthy schools and funding from the CAREs Act would allow mitigation protocols that will provide a safer, healthier, and more flexible learning environment for students and staff.

I trust our school administrative team has done their due diligence to create a plan for learning that is as safe as possible for students and staff and allows families to choose their own comfort level by selecting in person learning, virtual learning, or a blended option of instruction. I also know that these plans absolutely need to be supported through additional CAREs Act funding.

Thank you, assembly members, for supporting our community during this time.

Sincerely and with much gratitude,

Katherine Holmlund