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School District

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Dear CASD Families:

Thank you for your continued support of the Coatesville Area School District. We are thrilled that we have returned to an in-person learning experience. Our Board of Directors, district leaders, staff, and faculty strongly believe in the work and mission of the Coatesville Area School District and our schools, and we take pride in offering a well-rounded education for each and every one of our students. As some of you may know from the September 28th School Board meeting, recently, our district received a request to pay two Charter Schools nearly \$5 million dollars based on a belief that CASD underpaid them during the last school year. We fundamentally disagree and plan to address accordingly.

Under the terms of the Charter School Law, the request made by the two Charter Schools could lead to funds being redirected from the CASD budget to the Charter schools. This was an unexpected request that was not budgeted for this 2021-2022 fiscal year and would be detrimental to the operations of the CASD. The District is firm in its belief that the charter schools' legal position is clearly contrary to law, and the District will take the necessary steps to protect its interests and the interests of the residents of the District. While we are hopeful that a resolution will be reached, the District will be steadfast in protecting its rights and interests.

What does this mean for you, your family, and students? There is no single answer. Here's how the CASD could be impacted:

- Tax increases for our residents
- Increased classroom sizes and building closures
- Cuts to staffing, services and programming such as key staff, supports to students, arts, sports, materials, technology, transportation and food services, facilities, and operations

As we continue to take on the issue of fair funding, our intent is to ensure law makers are reminded how the Charter School Law adversely impacts the District and your child's education. You can also click [here](#) to write to your local legislators requesting support in this matter. It's simple, enter your contact information and your letter will be automatically sent to your corresponding legislative office. For more information on this topic please visit the Fair Funding section of our website by clicking [here](#).

We take pride in providing your child with a great education and value your support of the Coatesville Area School District.

Best regards always,

Tomás Hanna, Superintendent
Coatesville Area School District

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Tomás Hanna

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