



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



April 19, 2017

Rose Bisson, Chair  
Hampton Board of Education  
380 Main Street  
Hampton, CT 06247

Dear Mrs. Bisson:

This is in regard to the status of Hampton's 2016-17 Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) projected \$13,219 shortfall.

In your November 16, 2016, letter, you requested that the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) waive the MBR requirement due to the lower-than-expected approved budget of Regional School District 11. This caused Hampton's share of the Region 11 budget to be below Hampton's MBR.

Because the 2016-17 fiscal year has not yet ended, your waiver request is premature, as the noncompliance would not occur until after the close of the fiscal year. Should the fiscal year end without Hampton having appropriated at least the amount of the MBR, Hampton would be in violation of the law at that time. In keeping with the fundamental purpose of a waiver, we would expect that Hampton will have exhausted any and all avenues for compliance with the MBR before requesting a waiver for good cause.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-713-6464 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Demsey  
Chief Financial Officer

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cc: Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education  
Peter Haberlandt, Director, Legal and Governmental Affairs  
Frank Olah, Superintendent, Hampton Public Schools