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Dear Haynes School Community:

I am writing to you at this time to remind you that there will be a very important town election on Monday, March 31st and to encourage you to cast your votes.

As those of you who have attended one of the budget forums or downloaded Dr. Brackett's PowerPoint presentation from the District website know, the impact of the override vote is significant for our schools. The following information outlines the likely impact on the Haynes School: a non-override budget, an override budget #1 or an override budget #2.

Non-Override Budget: Impact on Haynes

1. Loss of one classroom teacher (we would have only 3 sections of grade four, resulting in class sizes of 27-28)
2. Loss of all kindergarten assistants
3. Loss of all Genesis (first grade) assistants
4. Cuts in most specialist schedules (art, music, P.E., Spanish) – while students would still receive these subjects, there would be less time for teachers to set up new materials, impacting the quality of instruction
5. Loss of Math Club enrichment for grades 4 and 5
6. Increased duty (lunchroom and recess supervision, bus dismissal, etc.) for teachers due to cuts in specialist schedules – challenge to maintain weekly common planning time
7. Elimination of summer curriculum work
8. Cut of equivalent of 2 full-time positions within curriculum specialists
9. Cut of approximately \$4,000 from our Haynes budget

Due to the loss of the K and Genesis assistants, one full-time general assistant position would be established in each school, along with the one current regular education assistant position. These two assistants would be placed where needed most in the school, at the discretion of the principal.

Override Budget #1 (increase of \$1,821,000): Impact on Haynes

1. Unlikely to experience any classroom teacher cuts, although there could be cuts up to 4.5 FTE throughout the elementary schools
2. Cuts in some specialist schedules
3. Cut of equivalent of 1 full-time position within curriculum specialists
4. Cuts in professional development monies

Override Budget #2 (increase of \$2,821,200): Impact on Haynes

1. No changes in current level of staffing and services

Your vote on Monday couldn't be more important and I encourage you to consider the information that is available to you in the press and online. Most importantly, I encourage you to exercise your right and privilege to vote and let your voice be heard.

Sincerely,
Susan Carlson

