

Dear House Finance Committee:

My name is Joshua Homerston I am union president for the Scituate custodians local 855. We have 20 union members who work hard providing safe and clean schools for our students.

If you cut 2.9% of Scituate's state education funding that would impact the Scituate schools in a harmful way. The custodian staff is currently understaffed due to lack of funding already. It will make it harder to hire new staff and retain the staff we currently have. This has a detrimental impact on the work we do providing a safe, clean environment for all our students. These cuts could also impact the amount of supplies we can order and supplies needed to repair and maintain the Scituate school buildings. Without the proper funding for supplies we won't be able to keep the schools as safe as they should be due to failing infrastructure of the building. The things that need repair would not get done because the school department won't have the funds to fix everything that needs to be fixed. It will impact the safety of the buildings and grounds for the students.

We really need more funding, not less, to continue providing the education all our students deserve. The buildings need funding to keep them safe for everyone that attends the schools and visitors.

Sincerely,

Joshua Homerston,
Union President Scituate custodians