

Dear Finance Committee Members,

My name is Jane Perry and I live in East Greenwich. My state rep is Justine Caldwell). I am writing in support of HB 5749, which would add categorical aid for our schools in EG that are struggling significantly with an \$800,000 gap in state funding this year”.

Our High School needs very significant repairs. The roof leaks, the heating system is very old, they have mice, peeling paint and parts the building smells like sewage. This gap in funding translates to serious losses to our students ... librarians, field trips, successful sports programs, etc. The HS auditorium, which serves the whole community as a place for music and theatre performances, is rundown and needs stage lighting. Our students are already learning in run down buildings with significantly limited staff and programming.

As a member of the Cole and High School PTGs, I constantly see how parents and teachers contribute their own dollars (as well as their tax dollars) to support our schools.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jane Perry