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Greetings,

On behalf of the Brewster Central School District, we offer the following feedback:

- A school district may possess a wealth ratio at or greater than 1.00, but have very disparate groups of extreme poverty and extreme wealth on either end
- A school district that possesses a wealth ratio at or greater than 1.00 may have a significant group of parents/guardians who are ineligible to vote for the school budget due to their immigration status
 - Wealthier parents/guardians may be less likely to support a budget that delivers resources to needier children
- With the implementation of the USDA's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), parents/guardians are less likely to report their income to school districts in order to identify them as Economically Disadvantaged
- Regional cost factors should be considered for NYC-metro area school districts, which must compete with private sector salaries, increasing the cost of school district employees' salaries
- "Due minimum increases" of 2% should be considered, consistent with the provisions of the Property Tax Cap and the expected rate of inflation
- A rolling three-year average of enrollment should be used to protect against any sudden changes in enrollment
 - Sudden spikes in projected enrollment should be considered if verified by an independent demographer's report

Respectfully submitted,

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