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Please consider the following recommended revisions/updates to the Foundation Aid formula on behalf of the Wallkill Central School District:

- 1. Guarantee at least a 3% increase each year.*
- 2. Do not link State Aid and school district reserve levels. School districts who have been effectively managing their finances would be punished and those who have not been would be rewarded.*
- 3. There needs to be predictability in the aid calculation to allow districts to better forecast future budgets*
- 4. Consider making adjustments that will provide more funding to address the rising costs of educating Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners.*
- 5. Adjust how Free and Reduced lunch costs impact the formula since many schools are now offering free lunch to all students which may result in less applications being submitted. This will result in less students being identified.*
- 6. Adjustments to the Regional Cost Index should include more regions and updated data to calculate the index values.*

Thank you for considering our recommendations and your continued support of our community.