Good afternoon Board Members,

I am writing in response to Dr. Lucero's weekly message. She indicated the those who want to share thoughts, concerns and or had questions regarding the proposed budget which will be addressed at the BOE meeting this Wednesday 4/3 should email you. I want to inquire about the proposal to cut several Kindergartens across the district as a result of the new cut off date of turning five by 9/1, the district was anticipating lower enrollment for Kindergarten. However, the district is currently conducting assessments of children who are four and turning five by December and determining if these children will be eligible for Kindergarten regardless of the new cut off date mandated by the state. Therefore, if the district is accepting children four years of age and proposing to cut eleven Kindergartens, overcrowding will be inevitable. Will the district consider not making these cuts and or wait to see how many children who are four have been accepted to attend Kindergarten in the fall?

Thank you

Sincerely Susan Cavanagh