Scotia-Glenville Central School District

Scotia, New York

TO: Catie Magil, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

FROM: Andrew Giaquinto, Business Manager

DATE: October 31, 2024

SUBJECT: BOCES Budget Code – Shortfall

A review of the October BOCES bill indicates that the costs associated with the 5 Questar students (net increase of 3 from prior year) and the 26 Cap Region BOCES students (net increase of 5.7 from prior year) are exceeding the BOCES special ed appropriation by \$619,556. This will generate additional state aid in 25-26 of \$283,000; however, we still need to cover the expense deficit in 24-25. In late September, you informed us that one of the Questar students will be transferring to Wildwood. That does not yet appear to be reflected on the October invoice.

<u>Public Out-of-District Tuition</u> - Two other items hitting your Special Ed BOCES code are the IXL Software and the Frontline software, both of which have previously been covered by 611 and/or General Fund monies. As requested, we transferred the IXL software cost of \$3,804.20 from your contractual code (A2250.400-01-82) to help offset the shortfall in the BOCES code. We can also transfer the Frontline Software cost of \$30,383.31 from the contractual code, which currently has an available amount of \$215,000+, into the BOCES code.

<u>Private Out-of-District Tuition</u> The current student count reflects a net increase of one student in private tuition. I understand that one of the Charlton students will be discharged in October. The current unencumbered amount in the private tuition code is \$167,800, which we will need to transfer to the BOCES code to offset the increases. There is also approximately \$130,000 in carry-

forward purchase orders from prior year meant to cover potential retroactive billing rate increases. We may need to liquidate those purchase orders and transfer the funds to the BOCES code.

My first fiscal projection indicates that the anticipated shortfall to your 2250 General Fund budget will be \$158,000. Attached hereto are the following documents:

- First Fiscal Projection, excerpt of 2250 codes;
- List of Outstanding Purchase Orders (contractual and private tuition);
- Private School 24-25 Budget to Actual Spreadsheet;
- BOCES 24-25 Budget to Actual Spreadsheet; and
- BOCES 24-25 Listing of new students only.

My office will schedule a meeting within the next week to further discuss. I understand that there may still be moving pieces. I would like to discuss:

- Any enrollment changes that are not yet reflected in private school encumbrances or on the BOCES bill (see attached spreadsheets);
- additional money you may have available;
- estimates of additional funds that you will need for the True North program; and
- additional contractual purchase orders you may need to encumber that have not been done to date (see attached outstanding purchase order report).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Attachments

cc: S. Swartz R. Arket