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Huntingdon Area School District
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Dear Huntingdon Area School District Administrative Staff and Board of Directors,

Huntingdon County Business and Industry Inc, (HCBI) is the lead economic development corporation for Huntingdon County. Our role as an organization is to assist the business community with growth and expansion, as well as serve as a voice for our business community members. It has come to our attention that numerous changes are occurring within the school district and that these changes will have significant impacts on the district's budget.

HCBI is concerned that any tax increase above and beyond the Pennsylvania State Tax Index of 1.9% could have a detrimental impact to our business community. Substantial tax increases could deter growth or hiring projects among existing businesses, force the closure of local businesses, and would most certainly deter new business development in our community. It is our understanding that all school districts across Pennsylvania are facing these same financial hardships. HCBI respectfully asks that the school board examine all options available before imposing additional taxes.

Throughout the years, the Chamber of Commerce and HCBI have worked hard to be partners with our educational institutions; it is our desire that this relationship grow and prosper as we work together to face the demanding challenges of educating tomorrow's workforce. Our two organizations would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss our concerns with you. If you wish to meet with HCBI and HCCC, please contact Amy Sheaffer-Wise, Executive Director of HCBI at 814.641.6698 or awise@hcbi.com to schedule a time. Thank you for your time and consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Schrack'.

Tim Schrack
President, HCBI Board of Directors

