

cc: BOS

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Karen Molina
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NOTE TO BOS -
WE ASKED CHIEF WIDMAYER
TO DRAFT THIS LETTER WITH RESPECT
TO THE COPS IN SCHOOLS GRANT .

Dear Ms. Molina,

The Town of Acton is experiencing a significant budget shortfall due to forces beyond its control. We will soon be asking the townspeople to vote for an override in the amount of either \$3.8 million or \$4.5 million. If one of those figures is not voted it will be necessary to cut public safety personnel budgets to make up the shortfall in the municipal budget.

At this time we are meeting the requirements of progressively increasing matching funds.

In the future we may be required to lay off and/or lose through attrition a total of up to 12 police officers depending on various scenarios. We will be unable to maintain our Cops in Schools Program under such dire circumstances, especially since we only have 31 officers authorized in total right now.

We are requesting a waiver of the retention requirements that we agreed to originally in order to receive the Cops in Schools Grant #2003SHWX0063.

Thank you,

Frank J. Widmayer III
Chief of Police

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Chairman, Acton Board of Selectmen