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To the Planning Board,
Please see the notes below in bold black from Superintendent Morse in response to my questions.

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Hello Dr. Morse (cc to Planning Board),
The Durham Housing Task Force, a town committee, has proposed numerous changes to our zoning ordinance to promote housing opportunities. The draft is being reviewed by the Planning Board now. The question has arisen how an increase in the number of dwelling units, and thus likely school-age children would affect the Oyster River School District and fiscal situation for the Town of Durham. This is a large, complex issue, of course. Can you share with me a number of pertinent figures related to the school district to help the Planning Board at least get a sense of this issue, *for example*:

- What is the enrollment in each school in the district? **Oct. 1 enrollment 2115**
- What is the excess capacity for each school in the district? **There is no excess capacity; we are full.**
- What is the cost to educate a student at the elementary school, (**\$22,119**) ,middle school, (**\$21,002**) and high school levels (**\$19,935**) Average cost, marginal cost, etc.?
- What are the enrollment projections? **Sent NESDEC enrollment project to Al who forwarded them to you**
- What is the distribution of students at each level from Durham, Lee, Madbury, other towns?

Durham: 911

Lee: 708
Madbury: 325
Balance is tuition, mostly Barrington

Planning Board members may have some follow up questions. Thank you!

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