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**From:** Jeff Byrnes [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:17 AM  
**To:** All City Council; Mayor; Laura Pitone; Carmona, Rubén; Ben Ewen-Campen; Public Comments; Willie Burnley, Jr.; Wilfred Mbah; [REDACTED]; Jake Wilson; Naima Sait  
**Subject:** Asking that we fund our schools at the 8% growth budget level as promised

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Sincerely,  
Jeff Byrnes

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