

# Public comments for 5/3/2021

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To:town comments <tcomments@kitteryme.org>;

Note to councilors: I had planned to attend the special meeting on May 3, 2021, but I am quarantined with Covid symptoms. Please accept this letter in lieu of a statement in person and know that I would have attended the meeting if it was safe and if I was healthy enough to do so.

Dear Mr. Chair and members of the Town Council,

I am writing to ask you to approve the three ordinances on your agenda regarding the Kittery School Department Budget. One year ago, when we were all trying to make sense of the looming health crisis, it was hard to imagine that we would still be dealing with the pandemic more than a full year later. While we have all suffered to various degrees, school-age children and their parents, teachers, school staff and administrators have been impacted as much as anyone. Last spring, the Kittery School Department had to stop its work mid-stride and keep delivering instruction in new and untested ways. Everyone worked tirelessly over the summer and began the school year with a plan that has kept our students, staff and families safe and healthy. That is no small accomplishment.

We are still not in the clear with this pandemic and we still do not know what is in store for our schools. This is the time for the town to pull together and for the Town Council to lend its unconditional support to the Kittery School Committee and School Department. Please approve the full budget.

Respectfully,  
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