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Janet, can you please add this correspondence to the next Council Meeting? Thanks.

Dear Honourable Mayor and Council

I'm enclosing a copy of above & respectfully request that you consider reviewing the rationale behind this calculation that was implemented during the 2015 Budget. There appears to be clear inequities that exist which you might see the need to rectify.

Recently, the Governance Review Sub-Committee received a report on Ward Budgets which seemed to imply that the Ward Office Budgets are enhanced by \$0.50 per student. However, as per the attached, the calculation in fact has no correlation to the number of post-secondary students in a Ward. It is primarily based on the ward census population. The higher the ward population, the more funding the ward receives

**Ward 1:** \$1,769.76 Student Accommodation Funding.

McMaster - 29,700 full time students plus 1,300 Mohawk students who attend Mac

\$1,769.76 / 31,000 students =

**\$0.057 per student (half a cent)**

**Ward 8:** \$2,979.66 SAF

Mohawk - 10,000 full time students at Fennell Campus

\$2979.66 / 10,000 students =

**\$.30 per student**

**Ward 10:** \$606.96 SAF

Mohawk - 4,000 students in apprenticeship program in SC

\$606.96/4000 =

**\$0.15 per student**

**Ward 12:** \$1218.88 SAF

Redeemer - 725 students

\$1218.88 / 725 =

**\$1.68 per student**

For the purposes of this example, I've only shown students attending post secondary institutions and have excluded those students attending Hillfield Strathallen as well as Columbia International although the Student Accomodation percentage appears to be based on those institutions as well. If Columbia were included, Ward 1 would be even lower than half a cent per student. Including JK-Grade 12 students at private institutions but not including students at public institutions might be another reason to review the rationale behind the SAF since those students are not of age to be electors nor are they all international students.

Respectfully,

Viv Saunders

Ward 10

City of Hamilton Resident

- (e) That a new 'Student Accommodation Factor Benefit'\* be established to assist specific Ward budgets as outlined below:

Ward 1 (presence of main campuses of McMaster University and Columbia International College).

$$12\% \text{ benefit}^*(29,496) = \$1769.76$$

Ward 8 (presence of main campuses of Mohawk College and Hillfield Strathallan College and a presence by Columbia International College).

$$12\% \text{ benefit}^*(49,661) = \$2979.66$$

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Ward 10 (presence of satellite campus of Mohawk College).

$$5\% \text{ benefit}^*(24,278) = \$606.95$$

Ward 12 (presence of main campus of Redeemer University College).

$$7\% \text{ benefit}^*(34,825) = \$1218.88$$

Total: \$6,575.25

Benefit\* is percentage x ward population (based on 2011 census)  
x \$0.50/person = \$value.