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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Subject: Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreements and Contracts with Schools in Monroe County for COVID-19 Testing

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize intermunicipal agreements with local school districts and contracts with private and charter schools to fund COVID-19 testing programs in those schools. Such testing programs will support schools in maintaining in-person learning and protecting the well-being of students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Two sources of funding are available for the County to support school COVID-19 testing programs. As Your Honorable Body is aware, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act funds may be utilized to support such programs. Further, on September 14, 2021, pursuant to Resolution 310 of 2021, Your Honorable Body authorized the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$15,913,290 from Health Research, Inc. for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Reopening School Program to enable local health departments to support COVID-19 screening and testing programs in schools (the "ELC Grant").

In order to expand our community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and support schools in providing safe, in-person education, this referral would authorize agreements with all Monroe County schools serving students in grades P-12 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 in CARES Act and ELC Grant funding for COVID-19 testing during the current school year, July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive to enter into intermunicipal agreements with all Monroe County public school districts, including BOCES programs, and contracts with private and charter schools serving students in grades P-12 for the purpose of reimbursing necessary expenditures related to the testing of students, faculty, and staff for the COVID-19 virus, for the period July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for these agreements is included in the 2021 amended operating budget, general fund 9001, fund center 1209070100, State of Emergency, and general fund 9300, fund center 5809010000, Public Health preparedness.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
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