

**Email Rec'd 1/20/10 @ 11:12 PM from Ray S. (Maine East)**

Hello Mr. Poders my name is Ray S., I was at tonight's board meeting at Maine East high school. I found your speech very intriguing in the way you provided these alternative funding mechanisms. I was the one who addressed the board with a quote from Arthur Schopenhauer. This literature is of college level reading according to my AP Euro teacher she did not read the book I am currently reading; Arthur Schopenhauer on the World as an Idea until college. I assure you that never in a million years would I have heard of Schopenhauer being discussed at Maine East. I got into reading his philosophy because of the Maine East Debate program. This program is going under severe fiscal cuts of up to 60% meaning we will no longer be able to travel to TOC (Tournament of Champions) debates or any other out of state tournament. Also this will cause my family great financial worry as they will have to bear the \$3000 cost it will take to send me to debate camp this summer. Previously the school provided a great deal of funds to support my family with this great cost but now these funds provided for this are being cut. More over another attention raiser is the Maine East/West German program. I was enrolled for German 1 last year and received an A in the class. Being an AP student this would probably be logical that I would receive a favorable grade but, in 7th grade I took Spanish 1 and received a C. I'm sure most people would think German is 100x more difficult than Spanish. Thanks to the wonderful work of Frau Fraser I blossomed in German. She however is on the chopping block for this year's teacher cuts. Currently because of scheduling issues I was not able to take German 2 this year. I was planning to once again take German as a Junior when my schedule was more open. But, if Frau Fraser is laid off from district 207 I will not be taking German next year. I think that these combined have very well prepared me for my future.

I want to go into engineering and am currently enrolled in the Project Lead the Way program for engineering at Maine East. Germany is one of the most advanced engineering countries in the world and I know I will have a better future if I am able to communicate with the cutting edge design of these German engineers.

Thank you for listening.

Ray S.

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