



Dear Jo-Ann,

Warwick Mentor Program to Launch On-Schedule

**Emergency Gap Funding Campaign will support the program
until school budget issues are resolved**

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With school beginning next week, **MENTOR Rhode Island** refuses to tell the 160 students in the Warwick Mentor Program they are not a priority. **The Warwick Mentor Program will begin on its normal schedule** with mentors and mentees resuming their meetings a few weeks after the students return to school.

We are also launching an emergency gap funding campaign to offset costs until there is a solution to the school budget impasse.

One thing that The Mayor, Warwick City Council, Warwick School Committee and Superintendent all agree on ... The Warwick Mentor Program is too valuable to lose. We have received our first donation from school committee member Karen Bachus and have a pledge from Mayor Solomon to support our efforts. Make no mistake about it, we are on thin-ice financially as we continue with this program...we truly need your help!

While we feel confident from the assurances we've been given that **WHEN** there is money we will be restored, right now we don't have a financial commitment as the parties continue to negotiate their budget woes. With the recently released audit of the school department's services, depending on the track taken, we may not know anything until December or January. We will not let our kids be casualties of the long-standing differences between the school committee and city council.

For existing mentoring pairs the program will operate as it always has, but given the uncertainty of the budget, the Warwick Mentor Program will not accept new mentors or mentees until program funding is restored.

Exceptions will be made only in the cases of veteran mentors who lose their mentees to the normal attrition the program experiences and are seeking to be re-matched.

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2065 Warwick Avenue, Unit 1
Warwick, RI 02889**

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Together we will SHOW our kids they are the priority.

With gratitude for all you do,

Jo-Ann Schofield, President & CEO

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