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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, Republicans on Division II of the House Finance Committee blocked an amendment to House Bill 2 that would have directed more funding to school districts and communities with the most need. Following the vote to block this amendment, **Representative Mary Heath (D-Manchester)** released the following statement:

“So many schools and communities across the state have been hit very hard during the pandemic. Our goal for education funding should always be to give our kids the absolute best educational opportunities possible. The amendment I proposed today would have sent an additional \$100 million directly to schools based on existing education funding formulas, thereby positively impacting the districts with the most need.

Unfortunately, the amendment proposed and preferred by Republicans on the committee took that same \$100 million and applied it evenly across the state, regardless of the local circumstances of individual communities. Education funding is not equitable in this state, and serious proposals to improve how our schools are funded must work to provide direct assistance to the school districts who need it most. The increased revenue our division was given to work with was a great opportunity for the legislature to step in and support our schools during this time of crisis, and I’m disappointed that our division did not move forward with a serious solution.”

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