



MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear New Elementary School Building Committee:

In February 2022 the voters of Madison approved at referendum the Madison Schools Renewal Plan, a comprehensive plan to address our aging facilities. The plan includes building a new PreK-5 elementary school, converting Brown Intermediate school to a K-5 school, and making improvements at Polson Middle School.

Following the successful referendum, the District received an update on the initial enrollment projections that showed an increase in the elementary enrollment. To accommodate the increase, the Board of Education voted unanimously in May 2022 to amend the educational specifications for the new PreK-5 school, adding four additional classrooms.

In July 2023, the Board of Selectmen called a Town Meeting to ask voters to approve appropriating \$2.4 million from the undesignated fund balance to cover the additional classrooms. The request for funds was made at this time to ensure the project budget was whole prior to the project going out to bid in the fall of 2023. The request was ultimately defeated at Town Meeting.

Despite the failed appropriation request, the Board of Education continues to unanimously support the inclusion of the four additional classrooms in the base scope project design. The addition of the four classrooms will help us maintain desirable class sizes and ensure the building can accommodate increasing cohorts of students into the foreseeable future. To help support the additional classrooms within the existing project budget, the Board of Education voted on August 22, 2023 to formally identify three scope items as add alternates to help alleviate some of budgetary stress encountered after the project budget was established.

We, the Board of Education, ask the New Elementary School Building Committee to honor the Board's request to continue to include the four additional classrooms in the base scope design, thereby maintaining the educational integrity of the building.

Thank you for the numerous volunteer hours your committee has given to this project and, by extension, our staff and students.

Sincerely,

Seth Klaskin
Madison Board of Education Chair

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