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To: Dr. Dave Palzet
Board of Education

From: Frank Adams

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Re: Library Funding Options

On Tuesday, November 6th the Finance Advisory Team met and had a very impactful discussion on what would be the best options for funding the potential library project should the Board decide to move forward. The options for funding were narrowed down to two. With both options, the Finance Advisory Team was looking for the best way to fund the project with the least impact on the taxpayers.

- Option #1 was to pay for the project with cash on hand, retire all our debt and not abate taxes this year.
- Option #2 was to retire our referendum bonds, that will be paid off in December 2019, and to extend our non-referendum bonds, or debt service, while at the same time abating taxes.

The Finance Advisory Team felt strongly that the most responsible option for the district and community was option #1. Instead of abating bonds, as we have done for many years, we would use those funds to support the library project. With this option, we would also be retiring all of our debt, thereby staying on course with the plan that was originally proposed to the community when the bonds were sold.

The Board of Education has been abating bonds since 2010 saving the taxpayers a total of \$8,430,505. This would be the last year we would be able to abate taxes as our debt expires December 2019. The Finance Advisory Team felt that funding the possible library project with cash on hand, including the \$750,000 that would have been abated, was the most responsible and transparent option for the district and community.