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## Carver Public Schools

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Katherine Craven  
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Dear Ms. Craven:

This letter contains a plan that addresses the **Carver Elementary School Building Project** (formerly the Governor John Carver Elementary School). The ballot question to fund schematic designed failed by a very small margin. The Carver Building Committee has been working with the town to propose a plan to go forward.

Since the vote, Carver received news that there is a significant new growth factor in the tax base. NSTAR built a new substation in Carver and it is generating over \$700,000 per year in new revenues. This new growth also allows the town to borrow under the levy limit to fund the schematic design. The future impact of this new growth revenue stream may slightly reduce the amount needed for a debt exclusion vote for the school building project and possibly lower the impact on each taxpayer. In addition to new growth and depending on the start date of the new project, the debt exclusion for the renovation of the Carver Middle School will be retired in 2018 and provide tax relief after that date and further lessen the impact of the new building project debt. With all of these factors in mind and based on the June 2010 Carver Town Meeting discussions, there seems to be new support by the voters for going forward with the building project.

The Carver School Committee and the Carver Building Committee propose the following course of action to go forward with the building project.

1. Work with the town to fund the schematic design by borrowing under the levy limit to fund this portion of the project.
2. Work with the Carver Capital Outlay Committee to make a plan for maintenance and renovation of all of the town's buildings so that taxpayers have an accurate picture of the future capital needs of the town.

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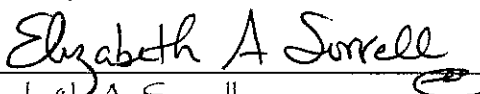
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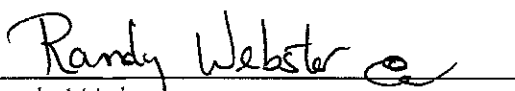
3. Hold a Special Town Meeting in the fall of 2010
  - a. to present the Capital Outlay Plan for all town buildings;
  - b. to vote to borrow under the levy limit for schematic design;
  - c. to vote to schedule an election for a non-binding referendum to determine the future of the school building project **Steps 1-3 to be completed by October, 2010**
4. Go forward with schematic design and approval. **To be completed by April 2011**
5. Special Town Meeting and Special Election to vote for the debt exclusion for the entire building project. **To be completed by June, 2011.**

The Carver Building Committee and the Carver School Committee respectfully request to extend the deadline (August 13, 2010) of our current contract for schematic design to May 2011. We also request that our base guaranteed reimbursement rate remain the same as in the current contract.

Thank you for your continued support of the building needs of the Carver Elementary School.

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth A. Sorrell  
Superintendent

  
Randy Webster  
Carver Building Committee Chairperson

  
Richard LaFond  
Carver Town Administrator

  
Frank Casey  
Carver Board of Selectman Chairperson