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Ms. Mary Pichetti, Director of Capital Planning
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Dear Ms. Pichetti:

We are writing on behalf of the community of Carlisle regarding the recent status of the CCHS building project. As you are aware this project was supported by an unprecedented eighty plus percentage of voters in our community, both at a Special Town Meeting and at a Special Election held last November. Our partner town of Concord also supported the project by similar significant majorities. We were and are very cognizant of the importance of the endorsement of the MSBA and the significant funding grant made available to our communities.

Our community acknowledges that the recent actions of the MSBA were necessary to make certain that the project is carried out in accordance with your guidelines. We also are aware of the extraordinary efforts undertaken by the CCHS School Administration and the CCHS building committee over the summer months, with significant volunteer staffing, to gain strict compliance with your requirements. It is our hope that these ongoing efforts will convince your team that we are serious about keeping this project on track. Any early delays can be costly and can cause public confidence to erode. As partners, both the MSBA and the communities of Concord and Carlisle have a mutual interest in the success of this project.

It is our sincere hope that as fall approaches the project regains compliance and the process rebuilds momentum. Our community continues to anticipate a new high school in just a few years and expects that the process be efficient and cost effective. In our estimation the recent design changes are not substantive in nature and do maintain the original educational objectives of the MSBA and the CCHS community.

Lastly, we hope that a small yet very vocal minority of citizens, who appear to be expressing a lack of confidence in the project and process, will not be interpreted as speaking for the entire community. The Town of Carlisle endorsed this project overwhelmingly and continues to do so. We, as the Board of Selectmen are reiterating that support and are offering any assistance necessary to keep the process on track. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Scavongelli, Chairman
Carlisle Board of Selectmen