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Ms. Mary Pichetti
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CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RE: Concord Carlisle Regional High School

Dear Ms. Pichetti:

The Concord Board of Selectmen supports the new high school building project and looks forward to its successful completion. An overwhelming majority of Concord citizens approved the project, both at a special town meeting and at the polls. We believe that the project continues to enjoy this support despite the high scrutiny the project receives at each Building Committee meeting.

Given Concord's history of informed citizen involvement, we also support the Building Committee's efforts to maintain an open dialogue with citizens to address interests and concerns. The public forum scheduled for August 22 will provide another opportunity for citizens to speak their minds and be heard. Many community concerns center on the transportation building and plans for busing students. These issues are being addressed by two different committees, whose reports will be available in October. An interim transportation plan is in place for the 2012-13 school year to allow construction to commence on the existing high school site.

The Design Team has compared the Design Development documents with those from Schematic Design (on which the PFA is based) in two separate presentations to the Building Committee. We believe that:

- The Design Development documents illustrate a building with substantially the same elements as those of the Schematic Design.
- The program matches the original educational program.
- The proposed construction schedule parallels the schedule outlined in the PFA. An early site construction package is anticipated to advance the construction timeline and a separate site package is anticipated to address the EPA requirements (outside the scope of the PFA) for maintaining the environmental

cap for the former landfill located adjacent to but not under the existing high school building.

- The construction and project budgets are aligned with the specific financial amounts voted at the Special Town Meetings of Concord and Carlisle in November 2011.

The Concord Board of Selectmen appreciates the MSBA's comprehensive review of the documents and attention to the community's expressed concerns. This is an important project for Concord and we are confident that it will be delivered within the parameters defined by the PFA. We look forward to its successful completion, and to continued collaboration with the MSBA and the District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmin Reiss', written in a cursive style.

Carmin Reiss, Chair
Concord Board of Selectman

cc: Concord-Carlisle Regional High School School Committee
Concord-Carlisle Regional High School Building Committee
Cory Atkins, State Representative