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RE: Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
MSBA Project #200906400505

In my certified letter to you of 25 July I explained a construction option for the new Concord-Carlisle Regional High School that does not require destruction of a practically new Town asset, our Transportation Facility, that we will be paying for until 2017.

At the Building Committee open meeting held in Concord on 1 August, OMR Architects reported that in their new August design submission to the MSBA they had “slid the building forward”, evidently southward toward the new athletic fields so that there might be no choice but to remove our Transportation Facility.

OMR Architects presented a new site plan, supposedly showing this change. But in the site plan they presented, the building has NOT been moved toward the south, and our Transportation Facility is still clear of it by 60 yards! I have attached their latest alleged site plan with the Transportation Facility again superimposed on it where it actually lies, and the maintenance building again circled in red: **Intact_Facility_August.pdf**.
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Shall we now understand that OMR has made an "error" in telling us that they have “slid the building forward”, or have they just shown the public a false diagram of the new site?

If their diagram is still correct as it is reproduced in my attachment, then this sensible option to work around our Transportation Facility is still viable, and MUST be considered by our School Administration: they have a stated and contractual fiduciary responsibility to the Town, and must spend our money wisely. This option should be

considered by the MSBA as well, because the planned and intended destruction will be a large waste of money, millions of dollars.

If the new school plan has actually been “slid” some unknown distance for an unstated purpose, then it can just as well be “slid” back, or in some other direction, for the purpose of saving our Transportation Facility. Why have a correct diagram and specific information been withheld from us?

Will we never have a chance for a public hearing about all the recent changes from the school we voted to build? Must we accept this entire bait-and-switch scam, where we supported and voted for a design that was explained to us in our November Special Town Meeting, but now are to be given a much reduced "breadbox" version for the same cost?

The citizens of Concord do not know which information to believe, especially after the many documented efforts over the past year by the School Administration and the School Committee to deceive us about what they really are doing. I detailed these secretive and dishonest actions in the "**ConcordTransportationTimeline.pdf**" document I attached to my previous letter to you on 25 July.

This new contradiction and confusion continues the lack of transparency and honesty that were remarked about in our Special Town Meeting of 24 April. The School Administration and School Committee now routinely hide their actions from us by failing to post schedules, agendas, and minutes of their subcommittee meetings, in clear violation of the Open Meeting Law, possibly to evade documenting their deceptions. There are indications here that this School Administration has also violated terms of their Project Funding Agreement with the MSBA, right?

This continuing behavior from Town employees in a Town committee meeting is not acceptable to me as a citizen, and I hope you will seriously take it into account as you decide whether or how to move forward with this project.

Best regards,

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