

Town of Concord
Citizens Transportation Committee

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Mr Stan Durlacher
Chairman
Concord-Carlisle Building Committee
c/o CCRSD
120 Meriam Road
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Ms Diana Rigby
Superintendent
Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
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Dear Superintendent Rigby and Chairman Durlacher;

As you know the Citizens Transportation Committee (CTC) was charged by Concord Town Meeting to search diligently for ways to maintain the existing in-house school transportation service. We have taken that charge very seriously and have compiled a great deal of information about school transportation systems in general and ours in particular. Our information so far indicates that our system is a very efficient one.

While we are still many weeks away from making a final report, we have learned that a key factor in that efficiency is to have all parts of the service in close proximity to one another and the schools they serve. Accordingly as we look at sites we are looking for ones which would accommodate the entire facility. Key among such sites is the current location. While the Regional School Committee has forbidden the Transportation Advisory Committee from considering the high school property, the CTC is not so encumbered.

In many ways the current site is the optimum location for our transportation facility and it is a source of grave concern to our committee that retention of the existing transportation facility was not part of the new school design plans. However, we believe there is an opportunity now, while plans are still being developed, to address that oversight.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that you direct the appropriate members of the building project team, such as the architects and the Owner's Project Manager, to seriously consider design modifications which would enable the transportation facility to be kept in place along with the new high school.

At this time, our committee is not endorsing any specific suggestion, however we are aware that a number of suggestions have already been made on the subject. We are also aware that casual conversations with various members of the design team have taken place and that keeping the facility on the high school property is within the realm of possibility.

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Now, before any concrete has been poured, is the time to consider this opportunity. A sincere consideration of this request could be a strong and positive demonstration to the community that you hear their concerns and are considering all possible options.

Should it be determined, after careful consideration by the design team, that keeping the school transportation facility on the high school property is not possible, you will be able to give the community a definitive explanation of why this would not work.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Chair

Citizens Transportation Committee

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