

Correspondence received by the  
Concord Select Board

Week Ending – May 10, 2024

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**For Immediate Release**  
April 30, 2024

**Contact:** Jennifer Mehigan,  
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## **Massport to Host Emergency Exercise at Hanscom Field**

**BEDFORD** – The Massachusetts Port Authority, alongside a number of mutual aid partners, will hold an emergency response exercise on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Hanscom Field (BED). For the surrounding communities, please be aware that there will be emergency vehicles from various agencies in the vicinity.

This drill will test the coordination, communication and response in the event of a major incident at BED. A number of mutual aid partners will be taking part in the drill alongside Massport Fire Rescue, including the Bedford, Lexington, Concord and Lincoln fire and police departments, State Police, the Hanscom Air Force Base, Armstrong Ambulance and Boston MedFlight, the National Park Service.

The airport will remain open throughout the drill.

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*Powering What's Possible. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit [massport.com](http://massport.com).*

## Shannon McAndrew

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**From:** MaryAlice Mudge <maryalice.mudge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2024 5:00 PM  
**To:** Shannon McAndrew  
**Subject:** Fwd: Naming of the new middle school

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Greetings,

With thanks and appreciation, I forward to the Select Board for its consideration my email below to the School Committee.

Sincerely,  
MaryAlice Mudge

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** MaryAlice Mudge <maryalice.mudge@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 6, 2024 at 4:54:04 PM EDT  
**To:** concordsschoolcommittee@concordps.org  
**Subject: Naming of the new middle school**

To the School Committee,

I feel that the time has passed to name buildings after people. Just because it was trend of the past doesn't meant it should continue.

Furthermore, and with all due respect, I would like to ask what I feel is an important question: How do we even know the person would agree to having a building named after them when that person is deceased?

Another point is more practical; I recently attended a music festival in which many MA schools participated, I found it confusing when some schools seemed to have been named after a person and not a town.

I vote for naming the new Concord middle school after the town in which it resides; let's name the new school Concord Middle School.

Sincerely,  
MaryAlice Mudge  
124 Authors Rd  
Concord

## Shannon McAndrew

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**From:** Tooley Rogers <tooley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 9, 2024 11:18 AM  
**To:** Shannon McAndrew  
**Subject:** Concern About the School Committee  
**Attachments:** May 9 letter to school Comm Tooley Rogers.docx

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Dear Shannon McAndrew,

I trust that this email will find its way to the Select Board.

After a very frustrating School Committee meeting on Tuesday night. I have addressed the following letter to the School Committee chair, Alexa Anderson, via email.

I am asking a simple question that gets to the process of how our town and our Town Meeting works.

As this involves the Select Board, I am attaching my letter here (as I could find no way to cc you on the School Committee's website.

This is really just for you information.

Thank you,

Tooley Rogers  
30 Elsinore St  
Concord

May 9, 2024

Dear Alexa Anderson, Chair of the Concord School Committee,

Good Morning! As I (and about 35 other people attending) were unable to communicate with you at your most recent School Committee Meeting of May 7th, I thought send you my question directly.

But first, I feel that the SC and Superintendent Hunter have done a good job with our schools! And I for one very much want to keep Dr. Hunter on board to continue her good work. However, she doesn't live in Concord, and really has no concern about the naming of any school located in Concord. She does, however, have very good reasons to negotiate the budget, as she did so well at Town Meeting. The Town Legislators voted to override the Finance Committee on that \$120K overage in the school budget. Congratulations!

So there is one area where I do disagree with the School Committee, however, and that is in the naming of the new middle school. As you and the Committee heard quite clearly, the Select Board, The League of Women Voters, and COAR support the naming of the New Middle School for Ellen Garrison. Most importantly - an overwhelming majority of Town Legislators at Town Meeting also voted for naming the Middle School after Ellen Garrison.

These are very clear signals from the townspeople whom you serve – and whose vote you gratefully accepted for your budget requests. I have consistently voted on every budget request for the new middle school over these past few years. I – and clearly most other Concordians – have supported you and your good efforts time and again to pay for this school with our taxes, which, we heard at town meeting will be increasing significantly. In a very real sense, we, the townspeople whom you serve, own the new middle school.

So, as concerned, supportive, and involved Concordian, I ask you how is it that you do not hear this strong voice of your fellow Concordians now? This is a very small request – significantly less than the \$104 Million we have voted for your efforts to build the new middle school. Please help me understand this.

Sincerely and Thank You,  
Tooey Rogers  
30 Elsinore Street  
Concord