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Dear Members of the Concord City Council,

Over the last several months, I am sure you have received a number of inquiries regarding the proposal for a new middle school to replace the aging Rundlett facility. As you recall, the Board of Education began the process of identifying the needs of students and the deficiencies of the building in 2017. Since then, there have been major interrupters in the process including the COVID pandemic. In 2021-22 the Board began a renewed effort to evaluate and consider options.

There are many common questions which have been answered through presentations at Board of Education meetings and public forums. Last week we sent out a <u>comprehensive</u> <u>FAQ</u>, which is also on our website.

The Board recognizes this is a major project for the city and is cognizant that it will have a long-term impact. If you would like more information, there are several options.

- Sign up for the <u>"Middle School Project" newsletter</u> that is sent once a month via email. This is open to all community members.
- Review the project webpage which has comprehensive information including the:
  - Preliminary study completed in 2022, including the conditions at Rundlett
  - Building Aid application
  - o Documents, reports and presentations
- Principal Jay Richard has offered to give you a tour of Rundlett Middle School and answer any questions you may have regarding the facility. Call his office at (603) 22-0862 to make the arrangements for a tour.

In June, the Board of Education and City Councilors met and the middle school project was briefly discussed. It was agreed that members of the Board of Education and district administration will provide a project overview with the City Council, hopefully in the fall. Project designers will present to the Planning Board as part of the planning process as well.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Kathleen

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City Manager Thomas Aspell
President Pamela Walsh Board of Education