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To those interested in the Cabot School Building Project,

Since I became Mayor in 2010, I have been committed to advancing our long range school building facilities plan and our school building projects by following 3 guiding principles:

- Ensuring the safety of our children,
- Providing the breadth of programming for which Newton is known, and
- Completing our school capital projects on time and on budget.

This commitment is evident in the results of the F.A. Day project, the Carr swing space renovation, and the Angier and Zervas new Elementary School buildings. **My commitment to Cabot is no different!!**

As a result of the vote taken by the Cabot School Building Committee last night, I have reached out to Jack McCarthy, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. In my conversation with him, Jack explained that this is not the first time that a community has decided to revisit their design. In fact, he informed me that several other communities have gone through this process.

Additionally, Jack asked me to pass along his commitment to seeing the Cabot School project through, and most importantly has assured me that this reevaluation of the proposed design will not jeopardize the City's position with the MSBA.

I understand and share some of the concerns about the process and I am 100% committed to ensuring that this project moves forward meeting all of the necessary benchmarks to enable the newly renovated Cabot School to open as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Setti D. Warren".

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To those interested in the Cabot School Building Project,

As you know, a few months ago the City Council approved funding to acquire the property at 23 Parkview Avenue. While the acquisition of that property greatly enhanced options for site circulation, traffic flow, and student drop-off and pick-up, it also offered an opportunity to relook at previous site plans and building layouts. Therefore, the Cabot School Building Committee met last evening, May 5 and approved the following motion:

“to pause the further development of the preferred alternative approved on April 5, 2016 for four weeks in order to determine if an alternative configuration using more of the north side of the site can be developed, including time and cost estimates, and incorporating the continuing priorities written in the meeting announcement for the meeting tonight on May 5, 2016.

- **The new Cabot School must meet the approved educational program,**
- **The portion of Parkview Avenue from the school to Cabot St. will be permanently closed,**
- **The students and staff of Cabot will move to the Carr School as planned in the fall of 2017 and will not spend longer in the old Cabot building than previously anticipated,**
- **School and City officials will make certain that we are not compromising our work with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) nor their commitment of funds to the Cabot project, and**
- **The circulation plan advanced on April 5 will still be used.”**

As a result of this vote, Mayor Warren has reached out to Jack McCarthy, Executive Director of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Mr. McCarthy confirmed his commitment to seeing the Cabot School project through, and most importantly has assured the Mayor that this reevaluation of the proposed design will not jeopardize the City’s position with the MSBA.

A meeting of the Cabot School Building Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, June 2, at 6:00 pm (location to be determined) in order to allow the architect to present a new schematic design which meets all of the aforementioned criteria. Following the presentation and public comment on that evening, the CSBC will take a final vote to determine which design will be sent forward to the City Council for site plan approval.

We look forward to working with the City Council, the School Committee, the School Department, parents, and the community as we expeditiously work through this process to provide the best Cabot School for our children and our community.

Sandra Guryan & Dori Zaleznik
Cabot School Building Committee, Co-Chairs