

SCHOOL UNION 76

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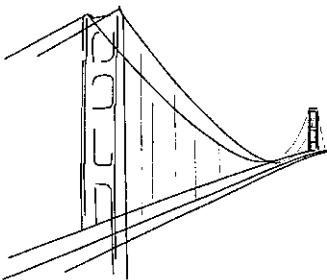
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Dear Brooklin School Community,

I wanted to take an opportunity to inform you about a major renovation project that has been a couple years in the making. Even before I took the position of Superintendent, the Brooklin School Board had already begun working with Design Group Collaborative to develop a comprehensive renovation plan for Brooklin Elementary School.

Many individual items are included in the plan, but a few examples include replacing the primary heating system, replacing the HVAC (airflow) system in the school, addressing heat loss in the building (by replacing windows, wall insulation, and repairing or replacing old sections of the roof), and improving the electrical system of the school. The approximate projected cost of the project is \$4.3 million.

There are many reasons this renovation project is important. Primary among them are the initiatives that establish a primary and secondary heating system. You may or may not be aware that the heating system for the school is original to the school and has moved past the original projected "lifespan" of the unit. There is NO secondary backup system. What this means is that if the boiler system were to fail (as it has already started to), we cannot use the building...for anything. That means no school, and no public use of the building. In such an event, we would have to shut down the building and ship Brooklin kids to Sedgwick or Deer Isle-Stonington until such funds can be approved by the town, and the boiler system can be replaced. That will take a long time. We are doing everything we can to avoid this scenario, but we need your support to move forward.

There are many other points to discuss, and so to that effect I am organizing a public information session on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Brooklin Elementary School. Please help us get the word out to folks to come and learn more about this important project as it impacts the future viability of the school.

Kind regards,

Dan Ross
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