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Subject: An Engineer Thinks This Is A Nice Piece of Work

David,

As a licensed engineer with over 27 years of experience, I want to commend you and your team for the excellent work done on *The Sensible Solution*. Your work was both technically thorough and very readable for the general public. Your Comparison Charts and Benchmark Data were well done and I would challenge the School Board to show comparable data to justify why a bigger school will yield better educational results. With a smaller overall footprint, your plan also has much less exposure to geotechnical risks on the sink-hole prone North Building site.

The benefits you show for renovating and reutilizing the South Building stand in stark contrast with the School Board's stated position that they don't have a plan for this facility. Finally, your projected cost saving savings of \$32 million is not insignificant to the tax payers in our community. Using the data from the School District's 11/2005 Plan Con A, this savings is enough to cover the planned renovation of the Panorama Village, Corl Street, Radio Park and Ferguson Township Elementary Schools. Alternatively, some of these funds could be used for land acquisition and initial design studies for a second high school. If demographic trends point toward the need for a second school, the District would be prepared and ready to act in a timely manner. If the School Board's forecast on student population growth is proved to be correct, the land could be sold for other uses.

In my mind, part of the beauty of the *Sensible Solution* is that it will fulfill the near-term education needs of our community and the cost savings could allow us to pursue the possibility of a second high school on a new site. By not blowing all of our funds on the Mega School, we keep our options open.

I sincerely hope the School Board gives this plan the consideration it deserves and postpone the planned release of bid documents. To push ahead with a \$100 million construction project without community support is a recipe for disaster in my opinion. Once again, my thanks to you and your team.

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