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The Sensible Solution clearly defines the 'problem', identifies the pertinent facts bearing on the problem, discusses and analyzes logically and comprehensively. The conclusions clearly are an outgrowth of the reflective analysis of the facts and the discussion thereof, I whole heartedly concur with this alternative solution. I support the conclusions and recommendations with optimistic enthusiasm. In my opinion failure not to accept this solution over the one school solution will result in a huge educational calamity. The educational results of the one school option will not equal the time tested current two high school results.

This factory/warehouse one school design which is over 500,000 square feet in size, to be occupied by some 2700 students and 100 plus professional /support staff will be an unmanageable monster plagued with day to day problems, disappointment, unhappiness and frustration. The one school design will prove to be an expensive mistake resulting in lower student test scores, academic achievement and student learning. The sensible solution is the optimum solution in my opinion. If the SCASD implements this plan, when it is complete, everyone in the SCASD are going to be happy and proud. The HSS and HSN school buildings will be beautiful, comfortable, compatible, and conducive to learning and state- of-the- art. The community will be forever grateful to the Board of School Directors.

My judgment in this matter is special because I was responsible for the overall maintenance of these two high schools for 20 years (1978-1998). I cannot express how wonderful this solution makes me feel. I hope and pray the State College Area Board of School Directors will have the wisdom to approve it.

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