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Patricia Best
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Dear Patricia,

I am writing to discuss our next meeting. My team is happy to meet with you, your staff, and / or any members of the board to facilitate the discussion, and answer questions about our report and request for action. Please let me know how we can support that. (xxx-xxxx).

The outcome of our initial meeting was that the Sensible Solution is now an information item at the next meeting. With that goal in mind, I wanted to get the logistics arranged now. I understand that the next meeting will be at Mount Nittany...is this correct? I will need a table, four chairs, and access to the overhead projector during this Q&A session so I can have the team ready. I would also request that if you are going to have a presentation that I get a copy the Thursday prior to the meeting. I understand that some slides may change but this gives my team some preparation time. I take it that we will follow the same procedure (precedent) that was employed for the Young Scholars?

- 1) Presentation of the document to the board – **Action completed**
- 2) The board reads the document – **In progress**
- 3) A separate information item is scheduled and listed on the agenda to enable a Q&A session – **Discussing now**
- 4) The session is held, questions answered, and the board can vote then or move the item to an action for the next meeting - **TBD**

Based on the precedent above, we would expect that our item on the agenda be a separate Q&A session with interaction between my team and the board. This would also mean a separate community Q&A session. In short, we do not think it is fair to the community to lump the community Q&A into one bulk session with other high school issues, as Ed's progress report is a different topic than the Sensible Solution. We want to ensure that we answer all questions (from the board and the community) in a timely manner and the correct level of detail. It is our expectation that the outcome of this next meeting is a recommendation to either completely follow, completely deny, or follow a modified version of requests presented below (and during Monday's presentation):

- 1) The board schedule a working session to review the Sensible Solution and include representatives of all relevant parties involved in the development of the board's proposed plan (consultants, CAC for Facilities, board members, department heads, etc.).**
- 2) The output of this session should be a comparative analysis between the Sensible Solution and the board's proposed plan.**
- 3) This analysis be presented as an action item at a board meeting to allow for community input, community dialog and a vote by the board to commission a detailed design and cost estimated prepared by an independent architect.**
- 4) That no bids be released until the previous actions are completed.**

Once again, thank you for your time and we look forward to our next meeting. Please contact me at your convenience if we can support your staff's analysis of our report. Please also have Mary Jenn contact me to finalize the arrangements for the next board meeting. Thank you Patricia!

Sincerely,

David J. Paterno