

The Sensible Solution:

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

The State College Area School District has embarked on a path to make the most dramatic and sweeping changes to the high school campus and the student learning environment since the school's original creation. The decisions and changes made today will literally affect the educational environment of our community's young people for decades in the future.

Given the gravity of these decisions and their impact on generations of State College residents, I agree with the following recommendation to simply more fully evaluate the Sensible Solution alternative.

Recommendation: Based upon the overwhelming favorable comparison of benefits and costs of the Sensible Solution relative to the one building plan, I recommend that the State College Area School District Board postpone the release of bids on the one building plan so that the Sensible Solution can be further evaluated. Further evaluation would include: constructive community dialogue on the Sensible Solution plan with input from the community, students, teachers, and administrators; and a detailed design and cost estimate produced by an independent architect.

As a first step, I request that the State College Area School District Board schedule a working session to evaluate this alternative. This work session should include representatives of all relevant parties involved in the development of the board's proposed plan (consultants, CAC members, board members, department heads, etc.). The output of this session would be a comparative analysis between the two plans to be presented at a board meeting as an action item. The vote on this action item would be to commission a detailed design and cost estimate prepared by an independent architect.

Signature

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Please Sign and Fax to 814-861-4668