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Charlie Pierce  
Borough Mayor

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John O'Brien, Superintendent  
148 N. Binkley Street  
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Re: School, Kachemak Selo

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

In response to your letter, we are of the opinion that the Borough can demonstrate we have made material efforts to achieve require measures laid out in the DEED appropriation. Capital Projects will be responding to DEED's letter dated March 10, 2021.

I think it is evident that my administration has been working towards some resolve on funding, by applying for two extensions, supporting a ballot measure for the matching dollars, and requesting the School District support the re-appropriation alternate method. It is also evident that some of these measures have failed to produce any results.

It is also evident that your administration does not support the re-appropriation alternate method, which I believe sends a negative message to DEED. As you know, we are awaiting word from our representatives and DEED in Juneau in response to my letter in hopes they will support our suggested plans. Kevin Lyon has made all aware of the Title 14 required Ed Specs and given support to encourage all to stay the course. Staying the course has diminished the pursue of alternate solutions that would provide a facility for the community. We must work together if we are to see any favorable outcomes from legislators to support alternate solution. Therefore, without some movement from Juneau, and perhaps a waiver on the match and/or re-appropriation, I do not see this project ending well.

Alternatives must be evaluated, we are ready to initiate an RFP for design but without having matching funds, as well as, an agreement/plan with the District on alternates, we question the logic or benefits of this work. Once again, we are ready to collaborate with the District and seek solutions for a positive outcome. We are happy to meet with you to discuss at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Charlie Pierce  
Mayor

cc: Clayton Holland      James Baisden  
    Dave Jones              Brenda Ahlberg  
    Kevin Lyon              John Hedges  
    Liz Hayes                Brent Hibbert