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Please find enclosed
copy of Letter to
Ma School Building
Authority for your
consideration

Lang C. Fowler

MA School Building Authority

Att. Christopher Alles.

Dear Christopher,

I'm contacting you with my concerns with the direction that the Penn Brook School Building Committee has chosen.

The Penn Brook School is in need of improvements, however the plan chosen is one I believe Georgetown residents cannot afford and will not support at election. The plan when combined with last year's school 2 ½ % override could add together an amount over 25% in tax increases, along with normal 2 ½ % per year to people faced with daily struggles to maintain through unemployment, foreclosures and rising costs of inflation. This plan will basically leave the Perley School empty of public school students, yet taxpayers are still paying for school improvements for that building till, I believe, the year 2017. This is a long way from the concerns put to the town for the Penn Brook School study. We were told Penn Brook School needs help and the Middle/High School has accreditation issues with overcrowding. At a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to address questions and issues for the decisions to move forward with the study, when asked for the top three things Penn Brook School needed for help we were told, a new roof, more teacher space and more storage space. Well, we're a long way from that and when asked, "How did the Penn Brook School Building Committee get to this point with the plan?" there has been no answer.

I also feel there is a strong concern in town with a School Department and committee that is in failure with proper maintenance and a plan to fund maintenance of the school building that they are responsible for.

I'm a life-long resident of Georgetown and a product of the Georgetown School system. I've attended many of the Penn Brook School Building Committee meetings and have an appreciation for the hard work they've been doing. What I would like to see is a plan put forward that better fits our town, a plan that most of the residents would want to support, a plan that could bring the town closer together in what this town has built in the past and can look forward to in the future.

Please pass these concerns on to the MA School Building Authority and feel free to contact me for more information and details. I'm willing to meet with you if needed.

Sincerely,

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