

To: Holbrook School Board  
From: Officer John P. Kearney, President, H.P.A., N.E.P.B.A. Local 88  
Date: 11/17/11  
Subject: Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade School Building Project

School Board Members,

The Holbrook Patrolmen's Association, Local 88 of the New England Police Benevolent Association, has voted to unanimously endorse the Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade School Building Project. The time is now to build a new school building and worry about regionalizing with other districts in the future.

The H.P.A. whole heartedly agrees with the Holbrook School Administration's assessment of the inadequacies of the current buildings from an educational perspective. Our members would, also, ask the citizens of Holbrook to consider how the current buildings are inadequate from a public safety viewpoint. They are as follows:

1. The buildings are nearly structurally unsafe and would provide no shelter relief in the event of a regional disaster or regional storm.
2. It is not possible to adequately secure windows and doors at all three schools.
3. It is difficult to maintain access control and secure points of entry due to security design flaws.
4. The geographical location of the schools makes policing and security unfeasible with the current staffing levels of the Holbrook Police Department.
5. The parking lots of all three schools were designed for a school system that transported all of its students in buses and was designed during an era when most families only possessed one vehicle. The traffic congestion caused during the opening and closing of the school day delays emergency personnel from rapid response not only to the school buildings, but also, to most areas of town.

The Town of Holbrook's School Buildings are substandard, not our school system. The structures are failing, not our teachers and support staff. We have a school infrastructure problem, not a deficient school administration. The answer is not to bus the children of Holbrook through out the South Shore to be lost in other districts. The answer is not to beg some larger neighbor to take our children- where citizens of Holbrook have no vote or control over our children's education or future.

The answer is to build a Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade School!!!

If regionalizing is still desired after construction is complete, enter into an agreement with a district as an equal partner. Holbrook would then have something to offer.

We would ask all Holbrook Organizations, as well as, family and friends of the Holbrook Patrolmen's Association, to publicly endorse the Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade School Building Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

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