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The mission of the school board of Regional School Unit 57 is to foster an educational community where students come first and every child has the opportunity to achieve to his or her fullest potential. This will be accomplished by embracing the values of: respect, individual and collective responsibility, creativity, and an enthusiasm for learning.

June 15, 2010

Waterboro Board of Selectman
24 Townhouse Road
East Waterboro, ME 04030

Dear Waterboro Board of Selectpersons,

The Regional School Unit 57 Board of Directors met on May 26, 2010 and the Building and Finance Committee reported out on the meeting held with you and the citizens on May 19, 2010 regarding concerns of flooding issues to neighbors abutting the Massabesic Middle School. Prior to the Board meeting, the Building and Finance Committee met and reviewed documents developed for the building construction, which included an independent engineering report conducted by the Town of Waterboro. Based on the available documents, there were no concerns with potential flooding when the building was constructed and all reports indicated that the drainage created met the standards required.

The Building and Finance Committee reviewed the meeting and steps the town had made to alleviate this issue prior to the building being constructed and the subsequent neglect of these measures. It was clear in the meeting on May 19, 2010 that water issues were present prior to the middle school construction and that the town had taken steps to resolve this. Over time, it appears that residents have not maintained the corrective measures and this may be creating current issues. It was also noted that this year in particular, we had 500 year flooding, which is highly unusual. Citizens from all over the district reported having flooding problems that have never occurred in the past.

Based on the current information available, the Regional School Unit Board of Directors determined there was no action that could be taken at this time based on the reports developed when the building was constructed, the unusual heavy rains this spring, and the fact that recorded flooding issues occurred in this area prior to the middle school construction. It was acknowledge that the town had taken steps to resolve these issues, which appeared to work, but have been neglected over time.

Respectfully,



Frank Sherburne
RSU 57 Superintendent of Schools

cc: Karla Bergeron-RSU 57 School Board Chairperson
Dominic Vermette-RSU 57 Building and Finance Committee Chairperson