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RE: Core Mission scoping

Thank you for your patience in explaining the MVRHS FY21 budget with us at our February 5 2020 joint Finance Advisory Committee / Board of Selectmen meeting. We are pleased that you now have a 5-year draft capital spending plan for the high school, and especially pleased that there are no known safety issues at this point.

We would like to emphasize several points that were made during our meeting. In revisiting the Tappe Architects plan from 2016, we would urge you to first develop a conceptual and cost scoping plan that addresses only the core mission: that of a grade 9-12 high school with the current academic and vocational tracks.

A completely separate addendum to that plan could then include the space, cost, and building amenities driven by (a) ideas for an expanded (non-core) adult education program and (b) the notion of a so-called "community hub" vision.

Note also that we believe that an effort to more completely flesh out the educational and demographic assumptions that informed the original Tappe Study is in order.

Completion of this work as well as wide communication of the results will make it far easier for our voters to understand and support any proposed school renovation project.