

Sudbury Public Schools

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RE: Sudbury Public Schools Administrative Office Space

The Sudbury School Committee is grateful to participate in the Town of Sudbury's endeavor to address issues associated with the Fairbank Community Center and the Sudbury Public School Administrative Office Space located within the building. As valued members of the Town's municipal staff, our school administrators proudly serve approximately 2,700 students, families, and faculty. Since the Fairbank Community Center is comprised of multiple user groups, we appreciate the Town's commitment to addressing the needs of our greater community. We recognize the Park and Recreation Department and Council on Aging provide valuable support and resources to our youngest children to our oldest residents.

The current Sudbury Public Schools Administrative offices are housed in the oldest part of the Fairbank Community Center originally constructed in 1958. This portion of the building has the most significant structural challenges from the roof to its entire building envelope. The requirements to bring this space to code, and to create a healthy work environment are insurmountable. For this reason, the architectural group involved with the project determined this portion of the building is not salvageable.

Sudbury Public School administrators are vested and united in the common goal of providing a deep and comprehensive educational experience for the students of

Sudbury. The environment in which our administrators work directly impacts this effort. The administrative offices provide workspace for staff, limited conference space for meetings with staff and families, and limited space for professional development. Due to its current configuration, the office space has become increasingly more inefficient over time. These inefficiencies are negatively impacting the services our administrators provide to our school community. Additionally, the configuration of the office space does not support the current needs of our administration consistent with modern pedagogy and curriculum development. It is a priority that the needs of the administration were met in a fiscally responsible manner.

The proposed administrative office space for Sudbury Public Schools will provide a healthy and appropriate environment for our administrators and reflect the value and importance of education in Sudbury. We appreciate the support of our Sudbury community to provide administrative office space that reflects the strength and commitment to our schools.



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Warm regards,

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