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TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Thursday, August 27, 2020

This Public Hearing was presented as a Zoom Webinar/Meeting

To provide an opportunity for interested individuals to express their views regarding the proposed Anna Reynolds Elementary School Renovation Project Bond Resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$35,500,000 FOR THE ANNA REYNOLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,750,000 AND THE USE OF GRANTS AND SUCH OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A REFERENDUM

Mayor DelBuono called the hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. ROLL CALL
 - Councilor Anest
 - Councilor Braverman
 - Councilor Budrejko
 - Councilor Camillo
 - Councilor Donahue
 - Councilor Manke
 - Councilor Miner
 - Councilor Nagel
 - Mayor DelBuono

Also present:

Keith Chapman, Town Manager
Janet Murphy, Finance Director
James Krupienski, Town Clerk
Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk

Also present:

Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent of Schools
Lou Jachimowicz, Chief Finance & Operations Officer

- James Krupienski, Town Clerk read the following legal notice into the record.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT

AUGUST 27, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Newington, Connecticut, will hold a Public Hearing via Zoom Webinar, in Newington, Connecticut, on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear comments on the following resolution:

**TOWN OF NEWINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$35,500,000 FOR THE ANNA REYNOLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN AND NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,750,000 AND THE USE OF GRANTS AND SUCH OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A REFERENDUM.

This Notice was posted on the Town Clerk's Posting Board on August 19 and on the Town Website on August 19 as well under Executive Order VII(i)(19) and also posted as a News Flash on the Town of Newington Website on August 20.

- Mayor DelBuono turned the floor over to Dr. Brummett
- Dr. Brummett thanked the Mayor and members of the town council. Tonight I am joined by members of the Colliers team - Chuck Warrington and Jon Koplas, as well and the principal of Anna Reynolds Elementary School, Jason Smith; Chief Financial Officer, Lou Jachimowicz and the chairman of the building committee, Mr. Steve Woods. I am going to turn this over to Chuck Warrington to give his presentation and will follow up with additional comments.
- Chuck Warrington and Jon Koplas of Colliers International Project Management, Madison, CT, provided a project overview of the Anna Reynolds Elementary School Renovation and current conditions of the building. *[A copy of the presentation is attached hereto.]*
- Dr. Brummett stated that the last slide is a picture of actual students of Anna Reynolds. Anna Reynolds is not equitable to the other elementary schools in Newington and as Superintendent of Schools need to advocate for equitable facilities. This project has been in discussion for close to 10 years and many numbers have been provided over the years and the cost will not get cheaper. There has been discussion to do this in a piecemeal approach, but there is so much to be done and that is not fiscally responsible. Bonding cap will be \$17.75 million and will have impact of \$64 per year for the average taxpayer after 2023. Thank you for the opportunity to make this presentation, do feel this is the right time to do this. Happy to answer any questions.

▪ **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. **Public Comments**

- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive spoke in support of the project
- Neil J. Ryan, 237 Brockett Street spoke in support of the project
- Bryan Haggerty, 529 Fenn Road stated he wants people to be fiscally responsible
- Susan Mazzoccoli, 149 Harris Drive spoke in support of the project
- State Representative Gary Turco spoke in support of the project

- Tracy Pingalore, 44 Cinnamon Road spoke in support of the project
 - Dana Havens, 113 Stoddard Avenue asked when the building report will be available.
 - Erica Whetzel, 92 Old Musket Drive spoke in support of the project
 - Jonas Roberts, 6 Fister Drive spoke in support of the project
 - Adriane & Doug Rouch [sp?], 136 Walsh Avenue spoke in support of the project
 - Michael J. Fox, 1901 Main Street spoke in support of the project
- B. Email Correspondence (*emails from the following were read into the record and are attached hereto*)
- Amy Lynch
 - Paul Alderucci, 62 Old Farm Drive
 - Amy Mills, 28 Eddy Lane
 - Melissa & Nicholas Pospiel, 760 Willard Avenue
 - Colleen Boccaccio Corriveau
 - Diana Casasanta Serra
 - Marcia Prignano, 56 Sleepy Hollow Street
 - Jennifer Garofolo, 69 Tom Lin Road
 - Kelly Pinkerton, 59 Chapman Street
 - Jeremy Whetzel, 92 Old Musket Drive
 - Francis J. (Frank) Vacca, 51 Gilbert Road
 - Joseph Geisler, 117 Audubon Avenue
 - Jennifer Gawitt Pratt, 13 Stuart Street
 - Tonya Grzybowski
 - Colleen Cultrera, 38 Carriage Hill Drive
 - Thomas Bronson, 68 Maple Hill Avenue
 - Dory Redman
 - Forrest C. Helvie, 282 Lamplighter Lane
 - Diane Margues & Lenoard Zapor, 46 Evergreen Road
 - Michael Branda, 77 Coronado Drive
 - Chris Klatt, 11 Judge Lane
 - Liz Zawadzki, 164 Hickory Hill Lane
 - William & Lynn DeBlasio, 68 Harold Drive
 - Kathleen Gonzalez, 44 Basswood Street
 - Sandra Felicissimo, 26 Coburn Circle
 - Kami Astorino, 154 Harding Avenue
 - Aaron Astorino, 154 Harding Avenue
 - Martinez Family, 265 Maple Hill Avenue
 - J. Andrew Weeden
 - Ivan Taschuk, 76 Harold Drive
 - Lisa Weeden, 101 Harold Drive
 - Amy Ronczka, 144 Camp Avenue
 - Amy Berube, 172 Indian Hill Road
 - John & Marco Tirillo, Dowd Street
 - Elise & Mike Spalla, 35 Gilbert Road
 - Joanna Cistalli, 82 Michael Lane
 - Jenna DuBois, 50 Spruce Street
 - Robert Crodden, 960 Willard Avenue

- Theresa Martins, 44 Welles Drive North
 - Kristen Cunha, 32 Pebble Drive
 - Sandra Snadon, 67 Coles Avenue
 - Sam Sharma, 268 Hillcrest Avenue
 - Nicole Ribiero, 270 Robbins Avenue
 - Diane Carney, 25 DaCosta Drive
 - Jim Perrotti, 175 Hillcrest Avenue
 - Brittany Nascimento, 175 Dowd Street
 - Caitlin Bailey O'Neill, 45 Avery Road
 - Anthony DelMastro, 82 Gilbert Road
 - Sandra Charland, 18 Robin Brook Drive
 - Amy DeVoe, 175 Hillcrest Avenue
 - Erik Gilbert, Willard Avenue
 - Carol Duggan, 17 Dover Road
 - Robert J. Martinchek, Jr., 30 Kinnear Avenue
 - Marc Frantz, 268 Williamstown Court
 - Patricia Lang, 27 DaCosta Drive
 - Katie Kelliher
 - David Woods
 - Mike Phelps, 108 Tremont Street
- Councilor Manke stated that he, and maybe some of the other councilors, wanted to apologize for their lack of coherency in reading the letters this evening. It's always difficult to read someone else's words.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Camillo to adjourn the hearing at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Donahue. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk



PROJECT LEADERS



August 27, 2020 – Town Public Hearing

Colliers Project Leaders

WHERE PERFORMANCE MATTERS

Newington Public Schools – Anna Reynolds Elementary School Renovation
Presentation of Project Overview



Newington Public Schools

Preparing The Next Generation Of World Leaders

> EXISTING CONDITIONS

> Findings

- Roof has exceeded life expectancy, replacement required
- Security and Safety improvements are necessary (SSIC – School Safety Infrastructure Council Guidelines)
- ADA accessibility – recommend a new elevator
- Grant required abatement
- Outdated mechanical systems/indoor air quality
- Building envelope is not energy efficient
- Inadequate storage space
- Canopy deterioration
- Nurse's office undersized
- Programming constraints (i.e. only one Pre-school room with a restroom, one without)
- Some wall settlement and cracking



> PROPOSED RE-PROGRAMMING OF THE SCHOOL SPACES

- Programming based on the revised Educational Specifications
- Use the existing building footprint to accommodate new program and layout
- Maximize the existing footprint
- Group the grades into clusters to minimize the separation of grades within the building
- Introduce new security measures
- Introduce new Pre-K Classrooms
- Locate and consolidate learning support functions more strategically
- Upgrade Health Services
- Provide sensory paths within hallways
- Address the general storage challenges



ENROLLMENTS AND SPACE STANDARDS

- Space standard calculation dictates how much of the eligible costs are reimbursable (statutory)
- Based on an 8-year high projected enrollment for the school-starting the fall after submission of the Grant Application
- Office of School Construction Grants and Review (OSCG&R) wants buildings to be “Right-Sized”, a.k.a. close to the space standard
- Anna Reynolds 8-year maximum enrollment is 443 students which includes 60 Pre-K students (30 new students)
- Equates to a space standard calculation of 53,160 square feet
- Existing building is 61,644 square feet, exceeds space standards

Newington Public Schools
Anna Reynolds Elementary School
April 20, 2020 Space Standard Calculation

SPACE STANDARD WORKSHEET
for any NEW, E (Extension), A (Alteration), or RENO (Renovate)

state standard space specifications

Project Enrollment	Pre-K & K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0-350	124	124	124	124	124	136	136	180	180
351-750	120	120	120	120	120	132	132	176	176
751-1500	116	116	116	116	116	140	140	170	170
Over 1500	112	112	112	112	112	142	142	164	164

1. Under the column headed "Projected Enrollment", find the range within which your school's highest projected 8-year enrollment falls. Using the figures on that line, complete the grid below for only those grades housed within the school.

Grade	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pre-K	120									
K	120									
1	120									
2	120									
3	120									
4	120									
5	120									

(a) Total (grades Pre-K through 12) 720
 (b) Number of grades housed 6
 (c) Average [(a)/(b)] 120.00
 (d) Highest Project 8-year Enrollment 443
 (e) Minimum Square Footage [(c x d)] 53,160

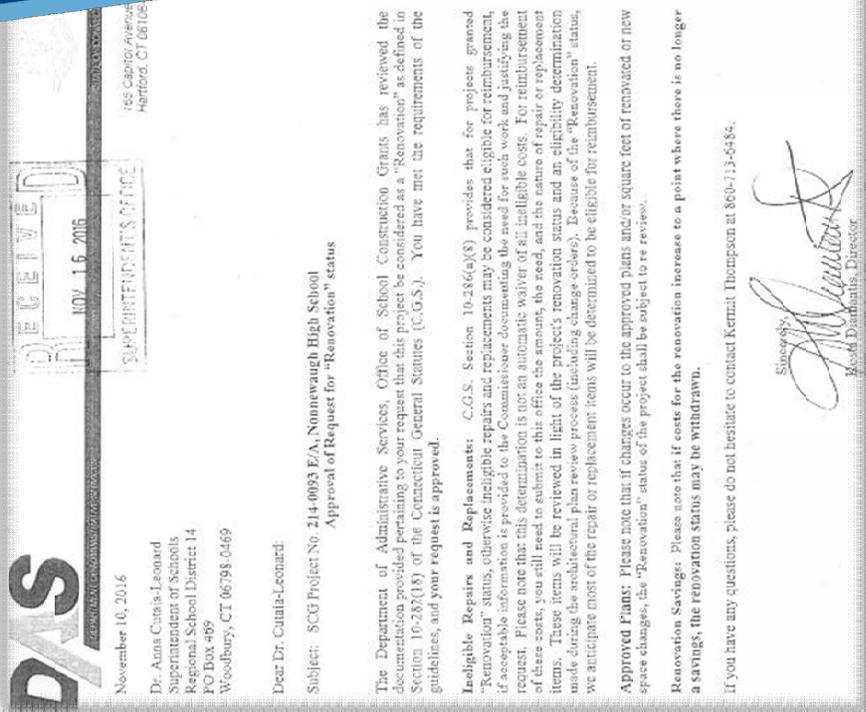
3. Total Square Footage at completion of project:
 a. Existing Area constructed pre-1950 0
 b. Multiply "a" by 80% 0
 c. Area (at completion of project) constructed 1950 or later 61,644
 d. Square footage for space standard computation (b+c) 61,644

If line 2b is greater than line 3d there is no grant reduction
 If line 3d is greater than line 2e, divide line 2b by line 3d 88.24%*

*This factor will be used to reduce total eligible costs because of space in excess of the maximum eligible for reimbursement. If a project exceeds all extraordinary programmatic requirements, the superintendent of schools may submit a request to the Commissioner for a waiver. A detailed list of programs with explanations must be included with the request.

> RENOVATION STATUS a.k.a. "RENOVATE AS NEW"

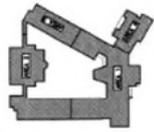
- > "Renovate As New" projects are submitted as Alteration projects unless OSCG&R has provided administrative approval with "Renovation" status
- > Determine if facility is a candidate for renovation status
- > Renovation status is presently being endorsed by a licensed architect
- > Renovation status greatly reduces the ineligible costs



CONSTRUCTION PHASING OF SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

- Work to be addressed over 18 months and in multiple phases
- Use of existing classrooms as “swing spaces” to minimize the project duration
- Maximize the renovation work during the (2) summer periods
- Use of a second or “night” shift to expedite the work and minimize overall impact to an occupied facility
- Schedule the work to best minimize the effect on students and teachers
- Take work areas as large as possible to reduce phases

CONSTRUCTION PHASINGS NOTES/CONCERNS:
 ESTIMATE NEEDING 8 CLASSROOMS PER PHASE TO MINIMIZE PHASING.
 ALL PLANS NEED TO BE REVIEWED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL AND BUILDING OFFICIAL.
 1. SUMMER 2022 IS AN EMERGING SUMMER. REVIEW ALL CORRIDOR CEILING, LIES AND RE-SECURE LIGHTS, SWAPES, ETC. TO MAKE SAFE.
 2. START INSTALL OF ELEVATOR IMMEDIATELY.
 3. TAKE CLASSROOMS INTO 2 OR 3 SWING SPACE CLASSROOMS.
 4. POSSIBLY 2ND SHIFT WORK IN CORRIDORS TO FEED UTILITIES, DOMESTIC HOT WATER, RE-CIRC, DUCTWORK, ETC.



> WHY NOW?

- > Equitable learning environment
- > Historically low interest rates will benefit loan repayments
- > Renovations have been discussed for ten years; the longer the delay the greater the costs
- > A piecemeal approach minimizes State reimbursement funding
- > Bonding cap at \$17.75M
 - > Impact to average taxpayer is estimated at \$64.00 per year as of 2023



1. Anna Reynolds renovations

From: Amy Lynch <a.lynch1003@yahoo.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov
Hidden recipients: mcamillo@newingtonct.gov, CMiner@newingtonct.gov, jdonahue@newingtonct.gov, CAnest@NewingtonCT.Gov, dnagel@newingtonct.gov, BDelBuono@NewingtonCT.Gov, TManke@NewingtonCT.Gov, sbraverman@newingtonct.gov, GBudrejko@NewingtonCT.Gov
Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 16:34:41
Subject: Anna Reynolds renovations
Attachment:

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to indicate my support of the renovations for Anna Reynolds School. All 3 of my children attended and have long moved on, however I was aware of. Need for repairs and renovations even then. Please consider the renovating of this amazing school as a priority.

Sincerely,
Amy Lynch

Sent from my iPhone

3. Anna Reynolds Renovation

From: Paul Alderucci <palderucci@snet.net>
To: towncouncil@newingtonct.gov
Hidden recipients: mcamillo@newingtonct.gov, CMiner@newingtonct.gov, jdonahue@newingtonct.gov, CAnest@NewingtonCT.Gov, dnagel@newingtonct.gov, BDelBuono@NewingtonCT.Gov, TManke@NewingtonCT.Gov, sbraverman@newingtonct.gov, GBudrejko@NewingtonCT.Gov
Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 16:08:15
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation
Attachment:

I'm writing to you tonight to express my support for the Anna Reynolds renovation project. I am fully behind renovating Anna Reynolds immediately, and I do not support any type of temporary fixes over the next couple of years. This project has been put on hold too long, and every time it gets pushed down the line. I'm afraid that will keep happening. Right now we have the opportunity for state funding and I'm afraid that would be lost as well. With everything that is going on with COVID-19 I believe that we need to take the steps to ensure the proper Safety, health, and education that our children and educators deserve. I've seen the pictures, I've seen the tour, and Heard all the stories online as well. I just cannot support temporary fixes for this institution anymore. I attended the school when it was Northwest, and both my children attended it as Anna Reynolds. I have great pride in this town and the education system it provides. I firmly believe that the renovation project as a whole should move ahead and that the town should put it to referendum in vote on it.

Paul Alderucci
62 Old Farm Drive
Newington, CT 06111
(860)978-2399

Sent from my iPad

4. Building Renovation

From: Amy Freiman <afreiman@npsct.org>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov <townCouncil@newingtonct.gov>
Hidden recipients: mcamillo@newingtonct.gov, CMiner@newingtonct.gov, jdonahue@newingtonct.gov, CAnest@NewingtonCT.Gov, dnagel@newingtonct.gov, BDelBuono@NewingtonCT.Gov, TManke@NewingtonCT.Gov, sbraverman@newingtonct.gov, GBudrejko@NewingtonCT.Gov
Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 16:04:53
Subject: Building Renovation
Attachment:

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Amy Mills and I live at 28 Eddy lane. I am writing this letter in support of the AR building renovation Project. Not only am I a Newington town resident but also a staff member at Anna Reynolds. I have worked there for 10 years and have witnessed first hand how the building is slowly falling apart. There is no question the building is in need of renovation. Despite everyone's best efforts the building continues to require continue upkeep and repair. Everyday something doesn't work properly. In a time in which health and safety has become a number one priority it seems like this should be the first priority. We shouldn't wait until there is a serious problem to renovate. I strongly encourage you to support the AR building renovation project.

Sincerely,

Any Mills

--
Amy Freiman-Mills

School Psychologist

Anna Reynolds Elementary School

85 Reservoir Rd

Newington, CT

(860) 521-7830 ext. 231

5. Anna Reynolds Renovation

From: Melissa Pospel <melissapospiel@gmail.com>
To: towncouncil@newingtonct.gov
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 16:01:31
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation
Attachment:

Hello good afternoon. I am sending this email to inform you that my husband Nicholas Pospel and I are in favor of this very much overdue needed renovation of Anna Reynolds elementary school. Our address is
760 Willard Ave, Newington, CT 06111

Thank you very much,

Melissa and Nicholas Pospel

6. Anna Reynolds Project

From: Colleen Corriveau <colleencorriveau@gmail.com>
To: towncouncil@newingtonct.gov
Hidden recipients: mcamillo@newingtonct.gov, CMiner@newingtonct.gov, jdonahue@newingtonct.gov, CAnest@NewingtonCT.Gov, dnagel@newingtonct.gov, BDelBuono@NewingtonCT.Gov, TManke@NewingtonCT.Gov, sbraverman@newingtonct.gov, GBudrejko@NewingtonCT.Gov
Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 16:01:25
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I grew up in Newington on Church Street, where we were fortunate to attend the "newer schools", John Paterson and John Wallace. I chose to raise my children here, but the home we ultimately purchased was on "the opposite side of town", in the Anna Reynolds School District. It seemed odd they would attend that school since we were geographically closer to Chaffee and E. Green, but so it was. Both of my children attended Anna Reynolds from preschool - fourth grade, so we were part of the AR School Family for 9 school years (2006/7-2015/16). During that time we were fortunate to have Dr. Jeremy Visone as the principal, with an incredible staff delivering the best education possible. Many of the staff that we saw day after day for all of those years are now considered our friends, some of whom are raising their children in town as well.

The need for renovations goes beyond repairing a leaky roof. In speaking with my friends who have children in the building and teachers at the school, they have described to me about the poor ventilation system with old AC units that barely work, several staff suffering from respiratory illnesses they feel are related to the poor air quality, kids who have to wear hoodie sweatshirts or jackets if their seats are near a window because of how cold they are, and multiple layers of carpet that have been installed over carpet that contains asbestos. I have also heard about water coming up from the gym floor during rainstorms that has to be removed with shop vacs, and of course the multiple leaks in the roof.

In addition, the school is multi-leveled and lacks an elevator or lift for someone who is handicapped. If a class is going to the gym, a student would have to walk around the entire perimeter of the school using adaptive equipment (crutches), or be pushed in a wheelchair because they can't access the gym with their class due to the stairs. Bathrooms also lack proper and respectful handicap access.

Since 2006 when I first stepped foot in AR, very little has been done other than to "repair" problems. The condition of the school is unacceptable for Newington, and the condition of the building is not equal to that of the other three elementary schools.

My understanding is that AR has the largest number of students of the four elementary schools. AR has historically had a larger number of students living at or below the poverty level, evidenced by the number of students receiving free and reduced lunches. Why is it that this school, on "the other side of town" isn't being given the attention it desperately needs? There seems to be an overwhelming sense in this political environment it is more important to keep taxes down and not spend any money, no matter the cost. I appreciate the Town Council wanting to keep our taxes down, but at what cost? Making sure the Anna Reynolds building is equitable to all students should be the focus. The building is in dire need of repair, improvements and upgrades. This isn't just about repairing a leaky roof; it is an investment in our children and a building falling into disrepair.

Sincerely,

Colleen Boccaccio Corriveau

7. Fwd: Anna Reynolds

From: Dicas65 <dicas65@aol.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov <townCouncil@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 15:53:25
Subject: Fwd: Anna Reynolds
Attachment: [Anna Reynolds.docx](#)

Please read the attached letter into record during public participation of the August 27, 2020 Public Hearing on the Anna Reynolds Renovation.

Thank you,
Diana Serra

8. AR Renovations

From: Marcia Prignano <mrsprigs16@yahoo.com>
To: towncouncil@newingtonct.gov
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 15:34:48
Subject: AR Renovations
Attachment:

Dear Council Members:

I think the budget for renovations should be approved. My child's school is in need of repairs and all of the children, teachers and staff at Anna Reynolds deserve to learn & work in a healthy and safe environment.

Marcia Prignano
56 Sleepy Hollow Rd

Sent from my iPhone

9. Anna Reynolds Renovation

From: jennifer garofolo <jenngarofolo35@gmail.com>
To: town council@newingtonct.gov
Hidden recipients: mcamillo@newingtonct.gov, CMiner@newingtonct.gov, jdonahue@newingtonct.gov, CAnest@NewingtonCT.Gov, dnagel@newingtonct.gov, BDelBuono@NewingtonCT.Gov, TManke@NewingtonCT.Gov, sbraverman@newingtonct.gov, GBudrejko@NewingtonCT.Gov
Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 15:24:11
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation
Attachment:

Jennifer Garofolo
69 Tom Lin Rd
Newington, CT 06111

8/26/2020

I will keep this simple. Anna Reynolds needs to be renovated. This is a time of uncertainty, indeed, but our children should always be the priority. This is an issue that should not even be a debate. Right now the issue is, should we send this to referendum. I 100% believe this should go to the people. Not sending it to referendum is irresponsible. Please do the right thing by our children and the staff of Anna Reynolds.

Best Regards,

Jennifer Garofolo

10. SUPPORT for the Anna Reynolds Project

From: Kelly Pinkerton <kelly.m.pinkerton@gmail.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov
Hidden recipients: mcamillo@newingtonct.gov, CMiner@newingtonct.gov, jdonahue@newingtonct.gov, CAnest@NewingtonCT.Gov, dnagel@newingtonct.gov, BDelBuono@NewingtonCT.Gov, TManke@NewingtonCT.Gov, sbraverman@newingtonct.gov, GBudrejko@NewingtonCT.Gov
Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 15:09:25
Subject: SUPPORT for the Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

This email may be read aloud during public comments at tomorrow's meeting.

I am writing this email in support of the Anna Reynolds Project. When my husband and I started looking for our first home, we knew Newington was on the top of our list. We were thrilled to find a house in the Anna Reynolds neighborhood and have absolutely loved our experience thus far. Our oldest daughter started Kindergarten at Reynolds and now is moving on to fifth grade. Our middle daughter is a second grader at Anna Reynolds and in a few years, our youngest will also attend. We were so proud to hear that Anna Reynolds had been named a Blue Ribbon School a few years ago, but were appalled to hear of the deteriorating conditions of the building. As a former teacher, and as a mom, I am fully invested in the education of my children. I believe that all our kids will be back in school buildings in the near future and feel they, as well as all the hard-working teachers and staff at Anna Reynolds, deserve a building that has a proper roof, adequate ventilation, accessibility, and all the updates that will come with this renovation project.

Of all the stories my kids have told me about their time at school, one that sticks out is my daughter's retelling of a day in her music class. She mentioned that it had been hard to read her music sheet as she was learning to play the violin. This was because the lights had been kept off. Why were the lights off? The teacher was concerned that there was a buzzing sound and potential water leak from the roof that made her question the safety of turning the lights on. Can you even imagine?!

This building project is not just a good idea and one that has been a long time coming, it is an absolute necessity for the safety of our children and the chance to give them an amazing building environment to match the superior teachers and staff at one of the best elementary schools in the country.

I fully support moving forward with this project.

Sincerely,

Kelly Pinkerton

59 Chapman Street

Newington, CT

11. Anna Reynolds Renovation

From: Jeremy M. Whetzel <jmwhetzel@gmail.com>
To: town council@newingtonct.gov
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 14:34:45
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation
Attachment:

Please read this letter into the minutes of the meeting. Thank you in advance.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jeremy Whetzel and I reside at 92 Old Musket Drive. As a member of the Anna Reynolds building committee, one of my goals is to try and keep this project from going off the rails financially. When you see the initial \$35.5 million dollar price tag, you might feel a little queasy like I did. How are we going to pay for this and for how long, why is it so expensive to renovate an existing building, and a flood of other questions come to mind. This is a very long term investment for every taxpayer in Newington not only now, but for the next 20 years. Care must be taken when considering the price tag of such an endeavor.

Conversely, it feels like now is the time to take advantage of lower interest rates and an over 50% state reimbursement rate putting the cost at a more reasonable \$16 million. It's clear that the school needs renovation for multiple reasons. ADA compliance, improved security, healthier air, windows that open and close properly, and a roof that keeps the water out, to name a few. This 50 year old school needs some TLC. For years, it has seemingly been band-aid after band-aid, more layers of paint and patch, and a concerted effort by our amazing custodians to keep the school solvent. Our schools are a representation of our priorities as a town and they should present well and function exceptionally well to compliment a strong curriculum and the wonderful staff that support and educate our children. Many have passed through and will pass through those doors while making memories that will last a lifetime. It's up to us, here and now, to take this opportunity to take action and bring our commitment to our children to fruition. Our town schools and buildings are the public interface of this town. We send our children to these buildings all day, we do town business in these buildings, and services are provided out of these buildings that make this town a great community. Anna Reynolds deserves renovation.

I ask for the support of the Council, the Board of Ed, and the citizens of Newington in November when this project goes to referendum. Thank you for your time today.

12. Anna Renyolds Improvement Project Support

From: Vacca, Frank <fvacca@bscgroup.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov <townCouncil@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 14:20:32
Subject: Anna Renyolds Improvement Project Support
Attachment:

Good Afternoon,

I am writing this afternoon in support of the renovation project at Anna Renyolds Elementary School.

I am not only a parent of a child that is attending the school, but also a Civil Engineer, and have worked in the school renovation field for the past 13 years.

Having toured the school back in March, it is imperative to the future of our children in Newington that this entire renovation project move forward. The health, safety, equity, and capability of Newington's next generation is at stake, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The conditions of the school roof system, the ventilation, the handicapped accessibility, the Nurses quarters, etc., are all severely antiquated and should not be considered serviceable any longer.

If the focus is on the cost, having been in this field for 13 years, I have never seen a project become more affordable. The Project was proposed a few years ago and was tabled. It came back to life and is now more expensive. However, if the project were tabled again... the anticipated cost due to COVID-19 should be considered significantly higher in the years to come, and the likelihood of state reimbursement ever more at risk as the pandemic continues.

We owe it to the future generations of Newington's Youth to push this project forward, to give all Newington children the best possible first step on their paths to success. Doing anything else would be a disservice to them, and to Newington as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration,

Francis J. Vacca, P.E.

51 Gilbert Road

Newington CT, 06111

13. Anna Reynolds.

From: Joseph Geisler <joeslade@sbcglobal.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 13:37:37
Subject: Anna Reynolds.
Attachment:

I am writing this as support for the Anna Reynolds school construction to be put before the town in a vote this November.

My twin children are graduates of AR and are currently seniors at NHS.

I remember seeing the gym ceiling tiles becoming waterlogged and scattered across the floor in a disgusting mess. That was 10 years ago. Since then, I have seen the rooms of my teacher friends destroyed by leakages and become mold havens.

This is not a new problem, and like the mult-million dollar Town Hall, it cannot be addressed with band-aids. This puts children with breathing difficulties, such as asthma, at risk. I'm baffled why this was not a town priority BEFORE the construction consideration of Town Hall.

We need this referendum in November.

You have my permission to have this read during council time. Thank you for your time.

Joseph Geisler
117 Audubon Ave
Newington, CT 06111
860-463-0625
joeslade@sbcglobal.net
Sent from my iPad

14. Anna Reynolds Renovation

From: Jennifer Pratt <gawitt.pratt@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 13:27:17
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation
Attachment:

Dear Council Members,

I am writing as the parent of two children in the Newington Public School system. While my children do not go to Anna Reynolds, I think it is vitally important that this school is brought up to the same standards as the other three elementary schools in the district. There is enough derision and inequity in the world right now. It is disturbing that this town would put our youngest residents in a position where they do not have access to the same safety and technology standards as their counterparts at our other schools.

I strongly urge you to put the Anna Reynolds renovation on the ballot in November.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Gawitt Pratt
13 Stuart Street

15. Anna Reynolds Project

From: Tonya Grzybowski <tonyalev@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 13:23:41
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

Hello,

I am a parent of a Kindergartener who will be attending in person learning at Anna Reynolds Elementary. For so many reasons this is one of the single most difficult decisions I have had to make as a parent. The obvious reason for the difficulty for this reason being the recent challenges imposed by COVID-19, but in reality there were bigger reasons even before the pandemic. My son was diagnosed with Inflammatory Bowl Disorder (IBD different from IBS) or Crohn's Disease as of 12/2019. One of the treatments used is Immune Suppression rendering my 5 year old officially immunocompromised, heart breaking for any parent. At the same time this is happening a teacher from Anna Reynolds had made the news showing the world what rainy season looks like in her classroom. After seeing this news report it wasn't difficult to find other examples of the issues and hazards that we as a community are exposing our young children too, and then to learn that this project has been put on hold not only for a few years but for generations! It's absolutely appalling!! How dare we do that to our children as a community! The absolute least we can do for these children is to send the project to referendum in November and allow the community to vote on it. Personally I feel like it shouldn't even have to go that route. With how long these health and safety issues have been ignored or patched and jerry rigged we should not be talking about if and maybe but as a community outraged that this has not yet been addressed! As the old saying goes "it takes a village to raise a child" and like it or not as part of the same community we are these children's village. The longer we put off these renovations the longer we are showing the children, families and staff of Anna Reynolds Elementary that they are not worth it, they are not worth the upgrades they desperately need, they are not worth the same approximate 30 million we just spent upgrading the town hall and quite frankly if your willing to tell children grades K-4 they are not worth it, then I need to seriously consider changing my village and quickly!

Thank you for your time.

Tonya Grzybowski

16. Anna Reynolds School Renovation-PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS

From: Colleen Cultrera <cultrerack@cheerful.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 13:13:12
Subject: Anna Reynolds School Renovation-PLEASE READ ALOUD DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS
Attachment: Colleen Cultrera.vcf

Members of the Town Council-

I am writing to strongly encourage you to approve funding for the Anna Reynolds School projects. At the very least, please place this on the November ballot to allow the people to decide on the fate of the project.

I am on the "back nine" of my children's Newington school education, as my youngest is now a junior at the high school. My children (and I) attended Elizabeth Green School, so we have no direct benefit from these improvements. However, we do place great value on education. And, in order to support good education, the facilities need to be, at the very least, safe and comfortable for all who work and/or attend school there. We have been to Anna Reynolds for both music and sports events/practices over the years. While my kids were attending these events, I took the opportunity to walk around a bit, as I had, surprisingly, since I grew up in town, never been in the school before. I was surprised that the school had so many issues-and this was back around 2012!

The first thing I noticed was how the carpeting was "bubbling" up in several areas. My first thought was that this was fairly dangerous. And I noticed several stains in the ceiling and cracks in the wall that I figured had to be due to leaking. Just these items alone do not support a safe learning environment.

My understanding is that those issues were not even the worst areas that need improvement. For example, non compliance with ADA requirements, including in the Nurse's office, is unacceptable. The restroom facilities are in dire need for updating. The growth and water damage can not be good for children-especially ones with compromised breathing conditions. And the security issues need to be addressed to keep everyone in the building safe.

An education in Newington has always been top notch, but the current state of Anna Reynolds does not support a safe, healthy learning environment for children. We want to make Newington a place where people will want to raise and educate their families. Not only is that good for the children, but it adds tremendous value to properties in town.

So, I urge you to approve funding or place this on the ballot in November to let the people decide. In the end, it's only going to make our town a more desirable location for potential homeowners.

Thank you,
Colleen Cultrera
38 Carriage Hill Drive

17. Bring the Anna Reynolds Renovation Project to Referendum

From: Emily Carle <emilyecarle@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 13:04:28
Subject: Bring the Anna Reynolds Renovation Project to Referendum
Attachment:

Dear Newington Town Council,

I am writing to share my support for bringing the Anna Reynolds Renovation project to a referendum in November. I also ask that you waive the new rules and read this email into the public record. Anna Reynolds has needed a new roof, new bathrooms, a new nurse's office, new security entrances, new hallways, new floors, new windows, and new doors for years. It is in the town's best interest to fix all of these problems now rather than doing it incrementally, both in terms of finances and safety. Fixing all of the issues now would also be less disruptive to the students and teachers. With the COVID pandemic still raging, I'm also concerned about the ventilation of the school, which can be addressed during a complete renovation project. I pray that no one at Anna Reynolds gets injured or ill as a result of the safety hazards and mold growths at the school. How can we take pride in our Blue Ribbon school when it's falling apart? With the state offering a reimbursement of at least 50% of the project's cost, this renovation might never be as taxpayer friendly as it is now. May I remind you all that you unanimously voted to bring this renovation to referendum just two months ago on June 23?

Respectful thanks,

Emily Carle

54 Cobblestone Court, Newington CT, 06111

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Emily Carle (she/her/hers)

Religion Major | Mount Holyoke College '21

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18. Anna Reynolds Elementary Renovation Project

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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 12:54:04
Subject: Anna Reynolds Elementary Renovation Project
Attachment:

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Anna Reynolds Elementary School Renovation Project. Considering the issues the school is currently facing it is more than appropriate to undertake a renovation project, from a temporarily fixed leaky roof, (my young children believe it is normal to squeegee the school roof off after each time it rains), post rainstorm worms in the halls, out dated and inefficient heating and ventilation system, including a lack of air conditioning, more importantly the fact that the school is not handicap accessible.

To maintain property values in our town we need to maintain our public buildings. If these issues are left to continue to get worse, the only option will not be a renovation project but likely a far more costly demolition and new construction project, which would come after years of costly bandaid fixes.

Support our property values, support our children's access to safe quality education. Please support the Anna Reynolds Elementary School Renovation project!

Sincerely

Thomas Bronson
68 Maple Hill Ave
Newington, CT 06111

19. Anna Reynolds.

From: dory redman <dory.redman@att.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 12:39:50
Subject: Anna Reynolds.
Attachment:

Good afternoon,

I won't be able to make the meeting tonight, but I wanted to let you know that I feel it is very important to bring the renovations at Anna Reynolds to a referendum. It's been years since my kids have played basketball there and it was in disrepair then. It can not be healthy for the teacher or children to be in a building where there has been water leaks and damage that hasn't been fixed.

Thank you

Dory Redman

20. Public Comment

From: Forrest C. Helvie <forrest.helvie@att.net>
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Cc: Maureen Brummett <mbrummett@npsct.org>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 12:37:30
Subject: Public Comment
Attachment:

PLEASE READ/INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS INTO THE MINUTES FOR THE 8/27 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Delbuono and Members of the Town Council:

First, I hope this email finds you all well and in good health. As the school year gets underway, it seems the daily pace has picked up exponentially.

I am writing to you today with regards to the Anna Reynolds renovation project. As I noted in past communications, I appreciate the fact that many of us share a common desire to see this Blue Ribbon-winning school be properly renovated after so many years of the proverbial can being kicked down the road.

As you all know, our schools are one of the features that sets Newington apart from many other neighboring towns, and I am proud to send my two children through our school system. The staff are like family to us with all of that they've done to help my children grow and learn, and that is a common story told in town. But part of what helps them in their work is knowing they have a facility to work in that is safe and conducive to teaching and learning. Our boys attend Ruth Chaffee and John Wallace, so I am not advocating out of self-interest. Instead, I am advocating for my friends and fellow residents who live in the Anna Reynolds district who cannot say their children or staff have the same environmental support that my children and schools have.

Right now, we have an opportunity to stop passing the buck with regards to Anna Reynolds, and earlier this year, this town council took steps in that direction when you authorized the BOE and our superintendent to move ahead with the preparation of project specifications and with the application for state aid. There is no doubt that a price tag of \$35 million should cause any of us to

balk especially given the current climate we're living in. What's important for all of us to keep in mind, however, is that this is not the price we would pay. Presently, the state aid we would receive is between 50-58% of the \$35 million placing it within the previously estimated range of \$10-21 million. Comparatively, it's a significant difference in cost.

What I also saw earlier this spring was that when our town manager and council worked with our superintendent on the budget, things got done. As I understand it, Newington has an excellent bond rating so we should be able to manage this project without increasing our taxes in a significant manner if we work together collaboratively and creatively once again. I believe the people at the table who were able to balance the budget this year can find a way to make this project work as well. And while an actual price of \$14.7 – 17.5 million is still a lot of money without a doubt; however, I have to ask: Can we guarantee that we'll get the same state aid next year for this project or multiple years from now? Republicans and Democrats alike should be able to agree that the odds that our state will have the funds to do so is a gamble that isn't in our favor. So if we continue to kick the can down the road, as has been done for years now, how much more will we have to pay without a promise of state support? I hate to think of what *that* will do to our taxes comparatively.

I understand it is a difficult to look at any of these price tags and feel good about them. Times are unprecedentedly tight right now. But what happens if we allow Anna Reynolds to continue to degrade? What if students or staff become ill as a result of an unsafe environment? What might the costs be in the event of a lawsuit or portions of the school were condemned due to health code violations? Where would we house those classes? I know this isn't something any of you want to see. Sometimes, however, prudent fiscal management means spending a (relatively) smaller amount upfront to avoid greater expenditures later.

It was encouraging to see both sides of the aisle come together on this issue earlier in the year, and I hope that this spirit of collaboration continues. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our schools – those who serve our families and those our neighbors here in town.

Respectfully,

Forrest C. Helvie, Ph.D.
282 Lamplighter Lane,
Newington

21. Anna Reynolds Referendum

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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 11:23:27
Subject: Anna Reynolds Referendum
Attachment:

To the Newington Town Council,

We are writing in support of the Anna Reynolds Renovation project and therefore support the project going to referendum. For both the health and safety of Newington students this project should have been completed years ago. The purpose of this project is completely centered around student health and safety and town residents should be allowed to vote to prove that they support our children. A few points to be considered for the renovation include the following:

- Given the current state of the school, students and teachers are both at risk for respiratory issues due to mold, poor ventilation and leaks.
- Nobody wants to think about school shootings but the lack of double doors in the front of the building was a glaring safety concern when I recently visited. All doors seem to be outdated. With outdated doors, locks and a PA system to be able to notify staff of potential emergencies we are leaving children vulnerable to potential intruders who intend harm.
- The lack of ADA complaint restrooms and nursing facility is unacceptable. All town own buildings should ADA complaint.

Please add our comments and support to public record.

Diane Marques and Leonard Zapor

49 Evergreen Road

Newington, CT 06111

22. Anna Reynolds Public Hearing

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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 10:03:00
Subject: Anna Reynolds Public Hearing
Attachment:

Good evening,

I am certain it will come as no surprise to you, that I'm writing in favor of sending the Anna Reynolds project to referendum this November.

Many of you were sitting at the table in 2016 and 2017 when the request to form a building committee came from the district.

Those requests were rejected by the Republican majority at the time. The main reason given was we needed to wait until the Town Hall was completed before even discussing the Anna Reynolds project.

To quote Mayor Zartarian at the time, "Once the Town Hall referendum is done all of our attention can go to Anna Reynolds."

Since those refusals to move forward, how many more problems were created or got worse?

I can understand the hesitation with regard to Covid as expressed in Mayor DelBuono's recent Facebook post - but the simple truth is, financially this project will likely never be as cost friendly to our taxpayers as it will be right now.

The state is making school projects such as this one, a priority for state funding.

We have to stop coming up with excuses for why we cannot invest in our town and start realizing that having a reputation for refusing to take care of our schools is not going to bring new families or new businesses here.

Every time this project gets pushed aside - the end result is more problems arise, and more tax dollars are thrown out the window.

The project cost will only rise every day we wait, and every day we wait - the school's condition

worsens.

I'd like to remind you of the words of Councilor Maureen Klett in September of 2016. This is taken directly from the approved minutes of the September 27th meeting that year.

"Councilor Klett said the project had been on the list for renovation for ten years and indicated if she was a parent, she would not be happy."

By my calculation, that equates to **14 years** of pushing this project to the side after it was already identified as a renovation need.

14 years worth of parents, students, teachers and staff who had to walk into a building that this town already decided was not in appropriate condition.

The condition of the school undoubtedly has worsened over those 14 years.

This is not just a roof issue. This is a classroom issue, an ADA issue, a security issue, an HVAC issue, a windows issue, a flooring issue, a door issue, a gym issue, a nurse's office issue, and an electrical issue.

There's no way to even begin to calculate how much money this town has wasted over the last decade plus. Not only in terms of what this renovation will cost today, but also in the patch work maintenance over the last 14 plus years.

How much more money will be wasted if we do not act now on this project and its current needs in full, rather than a continued patch-work effort?

Lastly, I'll leave you with the words of Mayor DelBuono as quoted in The Herald in March of this year.

"We did make a commitment to the town and the school system that once the Town Hall project was underway we would make Anna Reynolds a priority."

Thank You for your time,

Michael Branda
Board of Education Member
77 Coronado Drive, Newington

23. Anna Reynolds Project

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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 07:25:42
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

I support the Anna Reynolds renovation project going to referendum this November.

Thank you,
Chris Klatt
11 Judge Lane
Newington, CT 06111

Sent from my iPhone

24. Anna Reynolds Project

From: Elizabeth Zawadzki <zawadzki164@gmail.com>
To: town council@newingtonct.gov <town council@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 07:04:24
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

Good Morning,

I am writing today in support of the Anna Reynolds project going to Referendum THIS November. The educators and kids at Reynolds deserve better conditions. Having attended Reynolds as a child, I was shocked that not much has changed or been updated since my years there in the 80s. This is unacceptable. Let's give this school the update it is in desperate need of! I would like the rules to be waived and my email be read at the hearing.

Thank you

Liz Zawadzki
164 Hickory Hill Lane

25. Anna Reynolds Project

From: wdeblasio <wdeblasio@cox.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 06:02:11
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

Dear Council,

My wife and I would like to express our support for the renovation project at Anna Reynolds. This project is probably 15 years over due. Please continue to support this project and it advancement.

Thank you,

William and Lynn DeBlasio
68 Harold Drive
Newington

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

26. Anna Reynolds

From: Kathy <gonzalez.kathleen@att.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 22:57:46
Subject: Anna Reynolds
Attachment:

I want to voice my support for this project and I hope to see it on the november ballot. Kathleen Gonzalez

44 basswood street
Newington ct 06111

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

27. Letter regarding renovating Anna Reynolds

From: Sandra Felicissimo <sandrafelicissimo@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 22:28:09
Subject: Letter regarding renovating Anna Reynolds
Attachment:

Hi!

My name is Sandra Felicissimo. I reside at 26 Coburn Circle in Newington. My youngest son is new to Anna Reynolds this year and will be in 2nd grade. This week we took a tour of the school. It is evident that it is a warm, loving school with fantastic staff. It looked welcoming and beautiful. However, having worked in schools for 20 years, I was not happy at how the front entrance didn't have a second set of doors as an extra safety precaution. It definitely needs to be updated in order to keep our children safe. Rounding a corner by the interventionists' and resource teachers' rooms, a strong odor hit me. That entire hallway smelled like a musty basement. We entered the next hallway where the sun from the playground area windows was shining into the hallway and this time it wasn't the odor that hit us, but the heat. There is no air conditioning in that section and it was hot! Similarly, the cafeteria was also very hot, even though the fans were going, they didn't seem effective. I think the district is doing what they can to keep the school looking like an inviting space to learn, but it is quite obvious that the school is in desperate need of renovations beyond what they are able to mask. It saddens me that there is such inequity between schools such as the brand new magnet school my child came from and the neighborhood school he will be attending. It worries me that my asthmatic child will be attending a school that smells musty. I would not want to smell that all day. I am pleading with you all that we continue our plan to renovate Anna Reynolds asap and give our children the school building they all deserve. Thank you.

28. Anna Reynolds School Building Improvement Project

From: Kami <missbluehanna@sbcglobal.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 21:52:51
Subject: Anna Reynolds School Building Improvement Project
Attachment:

As an Anna Reynolds parent, voter, and taxpayer in the Town of Newington, CT, I support the Anna Reynolds School Building Improvement Project going to referendum.

As I cannot attend the upcoming live Zoom meeting, please waive the new rules and read this email into the public record.

Thank you,
Kami Astorino
154 Harding Ave.
Newington, CT

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

29. Support for Anna Reynolds School Building Improvements

From: Aaron <astorinoaaron@sbcglobal.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 21:52:12
Subject: Support for Anna Reynolds School Building Improvements
Attachment:

As an Anna Reynolds parent, voter, and taxpayer in the Town of Newington, CT, I support the Anna Reynolds School Building Improvement Project going to referendum.

As I cannot attend the upcoming live Zoom meeting, please waive the new rules and read this email into the public record.

Thank you,
Aaron Astorino
154 Harding Ave.
Newington, CT

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

30. Anna Reynolds Renovations: please read comments into the record

From: Priscilla Martinez <r_priscilla@hotmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 21:23:47
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovations: please read comments into the record
Attachment:

Attn: Newington Town Council

We have been an Anna Reynolds Family for the past 3 years. We had the opportunity to tour the building with Dr. Brummett and Principal Smith and were very disheartened and concerned to see the dismal conditions that the staff and children have to endure on a daily basis.

The following words are adapted from a conversation with our daughter regarding her impressions of the current strengths and challenges of her AR experience.

I really like how the teachers are kind and help the kids when they feel like they want to give up. Mr. Smith is a really good principal because he helps us stay safe and learn. I feel frustrated, mad and sad when I see wet dripping roof tiles. I've seen the gym ceiling damage and feel like there's a lot of dust when I take Wellness class. The school and the people in it are very special to me. We should take better care of it and keep it clean.

Martinez Family
265 Maple Hill Avenue
Newington CT 06111

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31. Anna Reynolds Project

From: Cindy Stamm <cindybstamm@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 21:22:27
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

Reynolds Renovate as New
Cindy Stamm,
35 Judge Lane

I am in favor of the Anna Reynolds Renovate as New project.

The Anna Reynolds school building is in great disrepair and has been for far too long. Anyone who has taken a tour of the building knows that this renovation is long past due, regardless of second thoughts. The Town Council has already voted to go to referendum knowing that this renovation is very much needed and the right thing to do for the children, teachers, and families in our community who rely on this building. Using COVID as an excuse to back out of this project is a shameful disservice to our community and children. Comparing this project to the town hall renovation issues is irresponsible and irrelevant. These are very different projects which provide very different services.

The committee worked diligently along with the superintendent to be fiscally responsible and to make sure all protocols were followed to ensure a successful completion without incident. The project is conservatively designed and budgeted, as well as planned to be reasonably accomplished in our present climate. Additionally, the cost to complete this renovation is at its lowest right now, at least half of which has been confirmed to be reimbursed from the state. The cost of this renovation is predicted to only increase if the project is tabled; it is fiscally irresponsible for the Town Council to delay this project. All of the other Newington elementary schools have been renovated as new, it's now time for Anna Reynolds. We need town-wide educational equity and Anna Reynold's students and staff deserve to be in a building that isn't patched together piece-meal.

Honestly as a resident when I took my tour of the building I was embarrassed that we as a town have settled for one of our schools to be in such poor condition.

The project needs to proceed as planned.

32. Anna Reynolds project

From: J Andrew Weeden <jweeden@absne.com>
To: town council@newingtonct.gov <town council@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 21:07:40
Subject: Anna Reynolds project
Attachment:

Good Afternoon,

I just want to say that I am in favor of renovating the school as new. As a longtime Newington resident one of the primary reasons I moved back in town was because I wanted my kids to have a great education, both of my daughters attended Anna Reynolds so it's difficult for me to see the school in the condition that it is. Being involved with the cub scouts and our parks & rec programs for the past decade I was at Anna Reynolds 2-3 days a week but last visited there about 3 years ago, it was in pretty rough shape back then so I can only imagine now. Please do right by the kids, the staff, and the town and make it a great new Newington school again!

Thank you,

J Andrew Weeden
Director of Service
Automated Business Solutions
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Warwick, RI 02886
401-732-3000 x179
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33. Renovation

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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 21:07:08
Subject: Renovation
Attachment:

Hello,

My name is Ivan Taschuk and I live at 76 Harold Dr in Newington
I just would like to say that I'm in favor of the Anna Reynolds renovate as new project.
Thank you

Ivan

Sent from my iPhone

34. I support repairing Anna Reynolds. No school school fall apart

From: Andrew Weeden <aweeden28@att.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 21:00:03
Subject: I support repairing Anna Reynolds. No school school fall apart
Attachment:

101 Harold dr
Lisa
Sent from my iPhone

35. Anna Reynolds renovations

From: Amy Ronczka <celiasgarden@yahoo.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 18:15:47
Subject: Anna Reynolds renovations
Attachment:

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for a referendum this November on the Anna Reynolds renovation requirements. I ask that the rules be waived and my letter read into the record at the hearing.

Although my children are fully grown, I fully support providing children with a safe and inspiring school where they can safely learn and grow to eventually become full contributors to a decent and just society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Ronczka
144 Camp Avenue
Newington, CT 06111

Sent from my iPhone

36. Re: Anna Reynolds Project

From: Amy Berube <amyandjaime@hotmail.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov <townCouncil@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 17:22:25
Subject: Re: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

Additionally, I would like to ask that the rules be waived and you read my previous letter into the record at the hearing.

Thank You

Amy Berube
172 Indian Hill Road
Newington

From: Amy Berube
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 5:03 PM
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov <townCouncil@newingtonct.gov>
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project

I am writing to voice my support to the Anna Reynolds Project going to Referendum this November.

Both of my children attended between the years 2008 & 2020. Work was badly needed in the building in 2008 when my son started Kindergarten, and there was no improvement in 2015 when my daughter started. In my opinion, the school is leaning towards being an unhealthy place to spend an extended period of time and I'm happy my children no longer attend classes there. But what about all the kids that do still attend, and the staff who definitely deserve better?

Thank You

Amy Berube
172 Indian Hill Road
Newington, CT 06111

37. Anna Reynolds Renovation Letter

From: Jennifer Tirillo <jennifer.tirillo@gmail.com>
To: towncouncil@newingtonct.gov
Cc: Jason Smith <jsmith@npsct.org>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 17:16:09
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation Letter
Attachment:

Town Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband in FULL support of the proposed renovation project. Our daughter recently completed her elementary education there with a wonderful staff and our son is currently a student. Not only do the children of Newington deserve a safe, updated building to learn but teachers like Mrs. Marek, Mrs. Rodrigues, Mrs. Cultrera, Mrs. Keener, Mrs. Byron, Mrs. Boudreau,, Mrs. Schumacher, Mrs. Gallup, Mrs. Marino and of course Mr Smith and all of the wonderful staff who dedicate their time to our children. Thank you for moving this project onward.

Best Regards,
Jenn & Marco Tirillo
Dowd Street, Newington
(860)712-0052

Jennifer Tirillo MS, LAT, ATC, CSCS
Certified Athletic Trainer

Sent from my iPhone

38. AR renovation

From: Elise Spalla <espalla3684@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 17:09:20
Subject: AR renovation
Attachment:

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband and I do not have children in the Newington school system yet but moved to this town in hopes of our children having a wonderful education. We were appalled to learn of the conditions of AR in recent stories and saw it in the tour a few months ago. There is no excuse for this- how has every other elementary school been updated except for one? And why has it taken so long for AR to get updated and renovated?!

The concern is for the water damage and health issues that WILL ensue from this. This is absolutely disgraceful and NEEDS to be fixed.

If it is not fixed, our children and all staff who work there are the ones who suffer. Regardless of your policy or intentions to only do one update in this town at a time, this surely should take priority and count as job 1,2 and 3. Take politics out of it- these are our children and ultimately effect their education. We do not need anymore issues than COVID is already having in our children. This is not what we moved here for.

Please please please get this done!

Elise &Mike Spalla
35 Gilbert Rd
Newington CT 06111

39. Anna Reynolds Project

From: Amy Berube <amyandjaime@hotmail.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov <townCouncil@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 17:03:54
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

I am writing to voice my support to the Anna Reynolds Project going to Referendum this November.

Both of my children attended between the years 2008 & 2020. Work was badly needed in the building in 2008 when my son started Kindergarten, and there was no improvement in 2015 when my daughter started. In my opinion, the school is leaning towards being an unhealthy place to spend an extended period of time and I'm happy my children no longer attend classes there. But what about all the kids that do still attend, and the staff who definitely deserve better?

Thank You

Amy Berube
172 Indian Hill Road
Newington, CT 06111

40. Anna Reynolds Project

From: Joanna C <joannacistulli@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 16:59:31
Subject: Anna Reynolds Project
Attachment:

Dear Newington Town Council,

I support the Anna Reynolds Project going to Referendum THIS November.

Both of my daughters go to Anna Reynolds Elementary School, and I agree that it is a great school but it is the oldest in town and last to be renovated. It is needed for the health and safety of all at the school.

My address is 82 Michael Lane, Newington CT 06111

Sincerely,

Joanna Cistulli

41. Anna Reynolds Renovation

From: jennamarie527 <jennamarie527@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 16:37:13
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation
Attachment:

To whom it may concern,

I highly support the Anna Reynolds project going to referendum this November! This is extremely important for our town as well as all of our children attending this school (my daughter included)! She is just starting her journey this school year and it is so important that Anna Reynolds is safe for our kids!

Thank you,

Jenna DuBois
50 Spruce St
Newington, CT 06111

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

42. I support the Anna Reynolds project

From: robert godden <robgod_16@hotmail.com>
To: towncouncil@newingtonct.gov <towncouncil@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 16:35:27
Subject: I support the Anna Reynolds project
Attachment:

Hello,

My Name is Robert Godden, I live in Newington at 960 Willard Ave. and I support the Anna Reynolds project going to referendum THIS November.

Best regards

Robert

43. Anna Reynolds

From: theresa domingo <theresadomingo@hotmail.com>
To: townCouncil@newingtonct.gov <townCouncil@newingtonct.gov>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 16:26:42
Subject: Anna Reynolds
Attachment:

To whom it may concern

My name is Theresa Martins and I live at 44 Welles Drive North. I currently have one child in Anna Reynolds but had two as of last year. We are in support of the renovation project moving forward to be voted on in November.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at 860-881-0002

Best

Theresa

Sent from Outlook

44. AR project

From: Aayla's Super Fun Show <kristencunha@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 16:10:47
Subject: AR project
Attachment:

Hello,

My name is Kristen Cunha and I live at 32 Pebble Drive here in Newington. My kids go to JP and JW. I am writing to show my support for renovations to Anna Reynolds and hope that it will be a ballot question in November. I come from a city in MA that pushed the renovations of there own schools further and further down the line and now it would be a \$150 million project to replace just one school Now the city can not afford that and the students continue to suffer. I would hate to see that happen to this wonderful town. When one of our schools suffer, we all do.

Thank you

45. Support for Anna Reynolds project

From: Sandy Snaden <ssnaden1020@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 14:56:15
Subject: Support for Anna Reynolds project
Attachment:

Dear Sir or Madam,

Although I am not a parent of an Anna Reynolds student (my children attend John Paterson & John Wallace), I am writing to express my full support for the Anna Reynolds project and my sincere hope that this issue will be presented to Newington voters via referendum in November.

All children in this town deserve a safe and healthy building in which to learn. I have been inside the Anna Reynolds building and it is in dire need of renovations.

Please let the voters decide.

Respectfully,

Sandra L. Snaden
67 Coles Ave.
Newington, CT 06111
(860) 559-9005

46. Anna Reynolds : Repairs Needed

From: sam_sharma@mail.harvard.edu <shs074@mail.harvard.edu>
To: town council@newingtonct.gov <town council@newingtonct.gov>
Cc: Shiv (Sam) Sharma <shs074@mail.harvard.edu>
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 11:08:49
Subject: Anna Reynolds : Repairs Needed
Attachment:

Dear:

Town Council Members
Ms. Beth DelBuono
Town Mayor

RE: Anna Reynolds Repairs

Both my children attended Anna Reynolds and we have such fond memories of the outstanding educational experience at the school. In my opinion quality of life in newington to a great extent is directly determined by the educational experience we offer to current and future town residents.

- It would therefore be prudent to initiate and complete necessary repairs to the school infrastructure while collecting the 50 to 58% cost share from the State of Connecticut. Postponing it will potentially cost the town more due to inflation, risk of potential decreased cost sharing by the State of Connecticut and potential decrease in property values & our towns ranking due to a marginalized school infrastructure at Anna Reynolds.
- Postponing much needed repairs and upgrades will also diminish student experience and staff's motivation and job performance at Anna Reynolds.
- In my opinion it will be smart and cost effective to not delay or postpone this project.

I strongly propose this should be decided by town residents and let them form an opinion and express their decision via the ballot come November. I am also requesting that my opinion on this matter be entered into public records and read out during the scheduled public meeting on August, 27th, 2020 @ 7pm. My name and email is below.

Sam Sharma
268 Hillcrest Avenue
Email:

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LinkedIn

Sam (Shiv) Sharma

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Ed.M - International Education Policy I 2017

Harvard University - Graduate School of Education

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Member I 2017

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Admissions Ambassador Program, Office of Admissions

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Official Certifying Organization : President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)Program

Link to book on global education :Empowering Students to Change the World in Sixty Lessons

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47. Anna Reynolds belongs on the ballot

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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 09:40:25
Subject: Anna Reynolds belongs on the ballot
Attachment:

Nicole Ribeiro
270 Robbins Ave

I am writing to let it be know I support Anna Reynolds renovate as new to go to referendum and be on the ballot in November. The issues in the school go beyond the roof, the building reno has been put off too long!

I think now is the time, get it approved and if we all go back to remote learning use that time to get as much done as possible since more can be done with no students in the building!

Show the community the pride we take in our schools and Renovate Anna Reynolds!

Thank you

Nicole Ribeiro

Nicole Ribeiro

48. Referendum

From: Diane carney <dlcarn@comcast.net>
To: town council@newingtonct.gov
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 08:25:56
Subject: Referendum
Attachment:

Concerning the proposed renovations to Anna Reynolds School, I feel that now is not a good time to add to the tax burden of our citizens. With the uncertainty of where and how our children will be attending classes in the future it would make more sense to wait until we know more before committing to spending such a large amount of money at this time. We can repair what is needed for now, then proceed at a later date with the rest.

Diane Carney
25 Dacosta Drive
Newington

Sent from my iPad

49. Anna Reynolds support for referendum

From: Jim P <bogues316@yahoo.com>
To: town council@NewingtonCT.gov
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Sent Date: Aug 25, 2020 07:58:42
Subject: Anna Reynolds support for referendum
Attachment:

In regards to the Anna Reynolds referendum, I support this project going to referendum. I would you to waive the new rules and read my email into the public record.

Jim Perrotti
175 Hillcrest Avenue
Newington, CT

50. AR Renovation

From: Brittany N <brider310@yahoo.com>
To: Towncouncil@newingtonct.gov
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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 22:07:46
Subject: AR Renovation
Attachment:

Please read this email/letter for the record.

Dear Mayor & Town Council,

I support the AR renovation going to referendum!!

Anna Reynolds Elementary School needs to be renovated and our town needs to be able to provide the means necessary. One of the reasons I chose the town of Newington to raise my children is because of the school system.

I have three children, one of which is currently attending Anna Reynolds. She's Vice President of the school and is compassionate about the fact that her school needs to be updated. She would love to come speak about her school's declining conditions. My daughter comes home often, telling me about the garbage cans full of water in the hallways and the ceilings leaking in her friends and teachers' classrooms.

I know many of these issues have been brought to public light lately so I don't feel that I need to go into a large amount of detail but the issues, aside from the leaks and roof, that stand out to and concern me also include a few other things. The nurses' station and many bathrooms within the school are not ADA compliant not to mention they're from the 1950's. In this day and age, it's unheard of to not be accommodating of all children, parents/grandparents and even teachers. Of course older facilities contain asbestos, and it's my understanding that asbestos is "ok" as long as it's not disturbed. I question whether it's truly undisturbed if things are leaking and falling apart on top of, and around these areas. The failing PA system is a scary situation. Most schools and facilities use this as a main communication method, especially in an emergency. Since the school is so outdated, are the classroom windows and doors equipped with the proper self-locking methods the office can control, as other schools in the area are? Is there anything in place that would contain or lock an intruder in a specific area? Long story short the school needs updating for many reasons!

As a community, we strive to give these children the tools to focus on school work, i.e. providing breakfast, lunches, parental involvement but the school building deteriorating around them inhibits all the good things that are already in place. It's my understanding that air quality tests are performed often and the school is deemed safe, but the school still smells musty and children and parents worry. It's a shame we, as a town, have let this Blue Ribbon school get to this failing condition but it's time that something is done. I have 2 other children who will be coming through Anna Reynolds - one will be in Kindergarten next year and knowing this is an active issue makes me very apprehensive and nervous.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you for your time,

Brittany Nascimento
175 Dowd St

51. Please read into the record at the 8/27 Town Council meeting re: Anna Reynolds renovation

From: Caitlin Bailey O'Neill <caitlinqbailey@gmail.com>
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Cc: Jason Smith <jsmith@npsct.org>
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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 21:31:47
Subject: Please read into the record at the 8/27 Town Council meeting re: Anna Reynolds renovation

Attachment:

To the Newington Town Council; please read this into the record at the Aug. 27 Town Council meeting.

I was a nervous wreck sending my firstborn child off to school last year. My son, Reilly, started kindergarten at Anna Reynolds in 2019. He soothed any fear, however, by excelling at the school. He made friends, he made the art bulletin board twice, he came home every day excited to share the new facts he learned... and he reads his bedtime stories to ME at night now. He's reading, he's learning, and he's so proud to be a part of "his" school.

There's a reason Anna Reynolds was named a Category 1 school in the NextGeneration accountability rankings. There are a lot of reasons, actually. There is a team of fantastic teachers, led by a passionate principal. There's a culture that preaches social-emotional learning and kindness and celebrates reading and STEM, and roughly 480 kids who show up and try their best every day.

But they're doing it in spite of a building that's not conducive to learning and, in some instances, downright unsafe. And in these unprecedented times, as an airborne virus is ravaging the country and changing, literally, everything, that's downright unacceptable.

Last year, my son walked to his specials and had to navigate around trash cans collecting water in the hallways from the ceiling leaks that popped up every day. A roofing company was out weekly patching the 35-year-old roof, and the custodial staff was forever replacing tiles. While the administration was proactive about ventilating the school every day and conducting air quality tests regularly (frankly, an unfortunate distraction from what they should have been doing, which was educating the children in the largest elementary school in town), you have to assume with major leaks throughout the school, that musty smell was indicative of mold somewhere.

Do you think custodians should be replacing ceiling tiles this year, or sanitizing bathrooms multiple times a day to keep my kid safe? Should Mr. Smith be touring the building looking for safety hazards, or handling the education AND mental health and wellness of two in-person cohorts and a population distance learning, while making incredibly difficult, up-to-the-minute decisions? Should teachers be moving trash cans around to catch leaks or juggling 10 kids in person, 10 kids at home, in-person and remote curricula, not to mention their own personal circumstances and schedules?

Should parents have to worry about poor ventilation or ceiling leaks, or can we focus on getting our children and our families through this incredibly difficult time because we know that our town's leaders actually have our children's best interests at heart and are going to give them a safe, healthy school as soon as possible?

Anna Reynolds is a fantastic school, filled with exceptional teachers, staff, and programs... I'm so proud of the work that's being done inside the walls of Anna Reynolds. I wish I was proud of the school, too, but I can't say that. I'm embarrassed of the many, many flaws in that school, and those 480 kids deserve better. Those teachers giving their all every day in spite of the circumstances they're working in deserve better.

I know COVID has wreaked havoc on everything, including town budgets. But that's not an excuse for pushing off a project that would be heavily reimbursed by the state and that has been pushed off far too long already. We need to get the ball rolling on this project by putting it to referendum in November. Will residents vote it down? I don't know, and I certainly hope not. But they deserve the right to at least get the chance to make that decision.

I've sat through several Town Council meetings this past year, and watched, pleased as can be, as every single one of you voted to move this project forward and proclaimed that the time has come and it's critical that this renovation happen. To see that some of you are backing off on those statements and considering not moving forward is incredibly disappointing.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a parent in town that's not anxious about what this year will bring and how our kids will tolerate the circumstances they're in. Please don't make us worry about our kids being in an unsafe environment for years to come, too. Do the right thing, and give my son and three-year-old daughter a school we can be proud of.

- Caitlin Bailey O'Neill, 45 Avery Road, Newington

52. I Support Anna Reynolds Renovation Project

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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 21:06:41
Subject: I Support Anna Reynolds Renovation Project
Attachment:

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I have been residents in Newington for just over 10 years. In my 10 years living in this town my property taxes (residence & automotive) have only increased. The neighborhood my family lives in requires my children to attend Anna Reynolds Elementary School. In fall 2020 my first child will begin her education as a Kindergartener at Anna Reynolds. My second child will likely start her education there in the fall of 2022.

The project to renovate Anna Reynolds Elementary school, is in my opinion, one of the most important projects this town is considering and it must be approved and completed. It is not a matter of whether it should be done or not. The school is clearly in need of major renovations. If i am going to continue to see my taxes increase year over year at least i will have the satisfaction of knowing what they paid for.

The project to renovate Anna Reynolds has my full support and should go to referendum in the fall. The people that ultimately pay the cost of the project should have the right to vote on how our money is spent.

I approve you waiving the new rules and would like you to read this email into the public record.

Anthony DelMastro
82 Gilbert Rd
Newington CT 06111

53. I Support Anna Reynolds Renovation Project

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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 20:51:57
Subject: I Support Anna Reynolds Renovation Project
Attachment:

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54. Re: Anna Reynolds School

From: Sandra Charland <sanandhank@cox.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 20:47:32
Subject: Re: Anna Reynolds School
Attachment:

My address is 18 Robin Brook Dr

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 24, 2020, at 4:22 PM, Sandra Charland <sanandhank@cox.net> wrote:

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> Town Council

> I am not in favor of the \$35m renovation project for Anna Reynolds School. Let's prioritize what needs to be fixed & deal with each as needed. Our school budget is extremely high as it is & residents that do not have children or ones whose have grown up, have done their share in paying for schools.

> After the recent Town Hall expense, surely we need a break from raising our taxes anymore & forcing lifelong residents to relocate in order to survive...

> Enough is enough, take a breather from the sky high spending!

> I have raised my kids & grandchildren through Newington schools but when retired we live on fixed incomes now, and unlike other towns our taxes are not capped at a senior level.

> Thank you for reading

> Sandra Charland

> Newington resident

>

> Sent from my iPhone

55. Renovate Anna Reynolds

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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 19:03:15
Subject: Renovate Anna Reynolds
Attachment:

Dear Town Council Members,

****Please read this for the record on August 27, 2020 at the public hearing**** Amy DeVoe of 175 Hillcrest Ave. I'm writing In support of the Anna Reynolds Renovation Project going to referendum this year. The school needs more than a new roof and some upgrades... The extensive list of needed repairs and required upgrades has been well documented and I feel that now is the time to get this started. The state reimbursement of 50-58% is available now, we don't know if the same offer will be available later. Fixing items individually will take even longer than the proposed renovation and could end up costing the town even more than a renovate as new done now. Please vote to approve this project for referendum this November. Thank you!

-Amy Devoe

56. Anna Reynolds School

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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 16:22:21
Subject: Anna Reynolds School
Attachment:

Town Council

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After the recent Town Hall expense, surely we need a break from raising our taxes anymore & forcing lifelong residents to relocate in order to survive...

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Thank you for reading

Sandra Charland

Newington resident

Sent from my iPhone

57. Anna Reynolds Renovation Project

From: Erik Gilbert <EGilbert1989@live.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 24, 2020 12:35:50
Subject: Anna Reynolds Renovation Project
Attachment:

Hello,

My name is Erik Gilbert, I reside on Willard Avenue in Newington. I am writing today to voice my opinion and on the Anna Reynolds Renovation Project. \$35 million is a rather steep price tag in this time. Even though there are hopes that the State will reimburse 50% of the costs, it is however unlikely that this will happen now post COVID19. Especially since the Governor has signaled that municipalities need to be prepared for State spending cuts towards towns and cities in the next years budget.

That being said, from my understanding of the problem an issue of public health as the damage done could potentially cause poor air quality for students and teachers. It is my feeling that perhaps to only renovate what absolutely needs to be renovated in order to mitigate detrimental health effects that could potentially be caused to the students and hold off on the other planned renovations until after the State and towns recover economically from the impacts of COVID19. Or option two would be to close the school, redistrict the schools and send the children to one of the nearby elementary schools.

It is my feeling that something needs to be done although doing everything wished for at this time seems infeasible and a financial folly for the town.

Thank you,

Erik Gilbert

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58. Vote YES to put the AR Building Project on the November ballot as a referendum item

From: Carol Duggan <cjduggan17@gmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 21, 2020 16:13:18
Subject: Vote YES to put the AR Building Project on the November ballot as a referendum item

Attachment:

To the members of the Town Council:

First, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Anna Reynolds Building Project. Your votes to move this project forward thus far are very much appreciated! As you know, this renovation is long over due. You have taken the tours, seen the videos, listened to members of the public and approved the requests from our Superintendent and the Board of Education. Please continue your support of this project by voting in favor of adding the Anna Reynolds "Renovate As New" project as a referendum item on the November ballot to let the voters decide.

Our students deserve to have a happy, healthy and safe environment to learn and grow as they continue to create wonderful elementary school memories.

Once again, I urge you to vote in favor of bringing this issue to referendum in November so we can get this Blue Ribbon School up to par with the rest of the elementary schools in the district.

I am requesting that you waive the new rules and read this letter into the public record.

Thank you!

Carol Duggan
17 Dover Road

63. Anna Reynolds

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GBudrejko@NewingtonCT.Gov
Sent Date: Aug 20, 2020 18:21:34
Subject: Anna Reynolds
Attachment:

Dear counsel members,

I encourage you to move the renovation of Anna Reynolds school along. I have two older daughters who have attended Anna Reynolds and a younger one soon to be a student. Years ago it was showing it's age. I am worried about it's present condition. Our children are our future. Let's take care of them as well as the staff who teach there.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Martinchek, Jr.
30 Kinnear Ave.

1. Moving Anna Reynolds Renovation Project to Referendum.

From: Marc Frantz <mkbfrantz@yahoo.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 27, 2020 11:40:30
Subject: Moving Anna Reynolds Renovation Project to Referendum.
Attachment:

Dear Mayor DelBuono and Members of the Newington Town Council,

I respectfully ask that you and the members of the Town Council strongly consider my support of moving the Anna Reynolds School renovation project to referendum and to waive the new rules. You have my permission to have my e-mail to be read into the public record.

Sincerely,
Marc Frantz
288 Williamstown Court
Newington, CT 06111-1421

Sent from my iPhone

2. Anna Reynolds School Project

From: Patricia Lang <pblang@att.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 20:03:34
Subject: Anna Reynolds School Project
Attachment:

It is imperative that the Anna Reynolds Renovation Project get started immediately. It is crucial that this project goes to a referendum and not be pushed off to 2021, especially in this time of COVID, this school needs to be ready to receive students in a safe manner. I hope this will be read into the Public Hearing on August 27.

Thank you for your attention,

Patricia Lang, Newington CT

27 DaCosta Drive

860-667-9956.

3. Anna Reynolds

From: Katie Kelliher <katie_kelliher@att.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 17:06:25
Subject: Anna Reynolds
Attachment:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Newington Town Council,

I am writing to support the Anna Reynolds Upgrade Project. I am a life long Newington resident who has always appreciated the Newington Schools System. I have also had the opportunity to visit each of the Newington schools in a professional capacity. Each of the (7) schools has their own unique outstanding qualities. With that being said, it is obvious that Anna Reynolds is long overdue for an upgrade. If I am correct, Anna Reynolds has the largest population at the elementary level and I believe that the building needs to grow to be accommodating. I don't feel that the request is unreasonable and it is time for Anna Reynolds to get the attention it is so very deserving of.

Sincerely,
Katie Kelliher

4. Anna Reynolds School

From: David Woods <woodsyhfd@hotmail.com>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 16:47:16
Subject: Anna Reynolds School
Attachment:

Newington Town Council,

Anna Reynolds School needs your support. The proposed renovations / improvements will provide Newington students with a facility that is equivalent to what other students throughout Newington currently have. Being a former Town employee I have had the opportunity to have full access to all the Newington Schools and Anna Reynolds, by far, does not compare to the other facilities. The proposed improvements will provide a safe, healthy and inclusive environment for students to learn. Our educators are the best in the State and the students and staff deserve to have the best environment to learn.

As a Newington taxpayer I am in full support of this project.

Respectfully,

David Woods

5. anna reynolds

From: Mike Phelps <mphelps15@cox.net>
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Sent Date: Aug 26, 2020 16:46:41
Subject: anna reynolds
Attachment:

Hi,

I am writing in favor of moving the Anna Reynolds renovation project to referendum as submitted.

I think given the cost and the ability to reimburse a large portion of the project would be better than submitting it in multiple phases. A phased project would likely drive the overall costs going up. This was similar to what occurred with the town hall which was initially a phased renovation until it was determined it was not going to work. Some of you may recall the town hall being slated for renovation in one form or another since Paul Fetherston was the town manager after Keith Chapman originally retired.

While \$35 million is a lot of money to renovate an existing building, Rocky Hill recently built a 70k sq ft school for \$37 million last year. I don't think Newington already owns any existing plots of land that could be used and believed this was already reviewed as part of renovation project. Maybe a portion of the acreage the school sits on could be sold for development to help offset some of the bonded cost.

Thanks

Mike Phelps
108 Tremont St
Newington CT