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DATE: July 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Michael E. Smith Middle School Parking Lot Expansion- Revised Plan

Enclosed please find a revised proposed parking lot expansion plan for the Michael E. Smith Middle School, dated 07/01/09.

The revised plan takes into consideration the proximity of the air ventilation unit to the parking lot.

The access/egress to the parking lot will be 23' wide, with an approach radius of 20' and a maximum grade of 9 percent. The parking lot spaces are 9' by 18' for regular parking spaces, and 13' x 18' for handicapped- accessible spaces. The 2-way parking lot aisles will be 23' in width.

The revised plan also shows that the existing 4 small maple trees in the parking lot will need to be removed in order to accommodate the new parking layout. The two maple trees at the entrance at the bottom of the hill will be preserved. Any major roots on these trees requiring trimming will receive proper wound care to minimize negative effects on the trees' overall health.

The existing shrubs along the front corner between the building and the proposed sidewalk will remain. There will be a 10' grass buffer along the side of the building, and this will be the extent of the landscaping included in this plan.

We are hoping to get the parking lot completed by opening day in the fall.

I hope this memo addresses all of your concerns and comments regarding the proposed plan. If you would like additional clarification, please contact me or Jim Reidy.