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TO: Reading School Committee
FROM: Dr. Harry K. Harutunian
DATE: January 21, 1999
TOPIC: School Building Maintenance

As you are aware, the Budget Council agreed in concept to the School Department maintaining the buildings of the Town and Schools under a single budget. In the attached memorandum, the Town Manager has requested that a meeting be scheduled with Ted Cohen, Richard Foley and myself to discuss how we will guarantee that funds will be spent only on building maintenance and not be diverted by the School Department to some other use. The results of this meeting will be discussed at the Budget Council meeting scheduled for February 10th.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Schena, Paula

From: Hechenbleikner, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 1999 2:36 PM
To: 'Cohen, Ted'; Foley, Richard; Schena, Paula
Subject: School Building maintenance

The Budget Council members have agreed in concept to an arrangement whereby the School Department will maintain the buildings of the Town and the Schools under a single budget, but only in a circumstance whereby there can be an absolute guarantee that funds can be spent only on building maintenance, and not be diverted by the School Department to some other use, given the School Committee's autonomy over their budget.

I am asking Paula to set up a meeting with Harry, Richard Foley, you, and myself to discuss this matter. I intend that we will come to closure on this issue before the Budget Council meeting of February 10 (tentative), either through a written agreement as of that date, or a determination that we cannot have the guarantee we need, in which case building maintenance will come under the Town umbrella where the use for building maintenance can be guaranteed.

Fax cc to HH