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## Letter: Says transferring money violates intent

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It seems there is no end to the financial demands of the School Committee. The recent article in the Advocate covered their request for two articles for the November Town Meeting, both of which are money articles.

I voted against the overrides, money for the RMHS and also voted against the 5th elementary school article. The overrides passed and they got their money. At least the taxpayers thought so.

They only used \$400,000 of the approved \$450,000 [for schematics] and now want to role over the \$50,000 into the \$54 million [for construction]. If I remember correctly, the \$54 million was all that they wanted/needed for the RMHS and said the job could be done.

Mr. Dahl says this will not violate the intent of the voters.

I beg to differ - this *will* violate taxpayers. He said they need this extra money "so the voters get what they asked for." We are about to get what we asked for in the form of a scam/rip off.

This money should not be levied in taxes on the taxpayer. The taxpayer did not vote to move this unused money for construction funds.

If the first scam/ rip off isn't enough, they want another unused amount of \$800,000 transferred from the Dividence to the Barrows project. The new superintendent (not unlike the previous one) talks about deadlines. All the special elections (at extra expense) were to meet the deadlines.

Dividence and Barrows are separate projects. Mr. Dahl and Mr. McFadden are about to give the taxpayer a lesson in how to deceive taxpayers and perpetrate the first and largest scam/rip off ever seen in Reading.

These articles should not even appear on the warrant, and I fault the Selectmen for allowing this scam/rip off to be continued by Town Meeting. They should not have been approved for the warrant.

Every taxpayer needs to call their Town Meeting member and insist they vote "no" on both articles, and also call their selectmen and voice their concerns about this scam/rip off being perpetrated by the School Committee.

Enough is enough.

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