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Butler hardtop memo

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New hardtop proposal for the Daniel Butler School.doc; MJ Firenze hardtop\_Final.pdf; MJ

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Dr. Entwistle.

Per our conversation this afternoon, please find the memo you requested seeking School Committee approval for the resurfacing of the Butler hardtop through private donation. Important to note, this request is separate from the playground plans that have been tabled until the fall; It is neither an increase nor a decrease to the hardtop surface; it is basically akin to a new coat of paint on an existing wall.

Please let me know If I need to be present at the meeting as I can make myself available to answer any questions and address any concerns you or the School Committee may have.

Thank you, Mike

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BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

George H. Entwistle, 3rd, Ed.D Superintendent of the Belmont Public Schools and the Members of the School Committee 644 Pleasant Street Belmont, MA 02478

Dear Dr. Entwistle and the Members of the School Committee

Thank you all very much for honoring me and all of the 2011 retirees of the Belmont Public Schools last Tuesday. It was a delightful event and I was truly honored and happy to be there. I was especially pleased to have Kevin Cunningham read my tribute as I taught all three of his children.

What was said was largely factual and I was impressed that you had so much information on me....

Please know it has been my privilege to teach in the Belmont Public Schools and I will always be proud of it.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of the schools. I'm hoping for you and all involved that the economy turns around sooner than expected and you have less stress soon and in the future.

Sincerely, advenue a Lendry

Adrienne Landry

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

DR. GEORGE ENTWISTLE, JANICE DARIAS

FROM:

MICHAEL E. MCALLISTER

SUBJECT:

NEW HARDTOP PROPOSAL FOR DANIEL BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DATE:

TUESDAY, 6/10/2011

CC:

BPS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thank you for the opportunity to meet on Tuesday night, 6/7/11 to consider the new Butler School playground plans. I am appreciative that the School Committee consented to allow us to begin to set up a donation account and begin fundraising. I anticipate that we will return next Fall to discuss the issue further in order to secure approval of the final design plans, which include the specific climbing structure and the overall playground layout.

For your final School Committee workshop of the year on Tuesday, 6/21/11, I request that you add one item to your consent agenda. This new request seeks to pull up the existing hardtop – which is cracked, damaged, and in dangerous shape – and lay down new hardtop with new lines. The actual space of the hardtop will neither increase nor decrease. The only changes will be a smoother and safer hardtop surface with newly painted lines and new basketball hoops. As this is a project that will take several days, the summer is the perfect time to complete this work so that it is ready for students' return in the Fall.

As with the Winn Brook Basketball Courts Project that was approved on your 6/7/11 consent agenda, this project is a simple resurfacing of the hardtop and replacing of the basketball hoops. It is being coordinated by Marc and Libby Firenze as a way of honoring their son, Marc John "MJ" Firenze, who was a former Butler LABBB student who passed away suddenly of epilepsy in January 2009. MJ's brother, Ryan, is a current 4<sup>th</sup> grader so it is the Firenze Family's hope to resurface the hardtop area as soon as possible as a way of thanking the Butler School for the important part it played in their lives. They have raised the required money to complete the project and have coordinated with both outside contractors and the buildings and grounds department of the Belmont Public Schools. The only item remaining is securing approval from the School Committee.

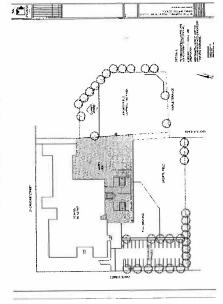
Please note that this request is separate from the new Butler Playground request that we discussed on 6/7/11 as it does not represent a change to the school grounds or structures.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Enclosure: "Courageous Court" design documents

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