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Dear 7/11 Committee members:

I am writing to you not to support one option over another but instead, I am writing to urge you to ensure that the decision-making process regarding school resources is based on good judgment as opposed to the volume of noise coming from any one particular parent group.

There is grave concern that the volume of certain parental voices may have begun to overcome good decision-making. Now, parents of other schools are questioning the integrity of the process, thinking that other options are being raised *ONLY* because the Commission is trying to placate very vocal parents at schools that have voiced---loudly---their resistance to possible changes at their children's schools.

It appears to other parents that the aggressiveness of parental comments have resulted in the Commission considering less ideal options.

I realize that conflict is unpleasant, that resource assessment is difficult, and that any change affecting children's schools is emotional. But please be strong! Don't be swayed by "outraged" parents, loud parents, or the number of parents defending their turf, and resisting change.

Noisy parents are not the decision-makers. You are the decision-makers. Please do what is best for DMUSD.

In a separate letter I will provide my feedback to the Commission based on my assessment of the options. But today, I'm writing to ask you to consider what is best for all of DMUSD, and to resist the influence of the "squeaky wheels".

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

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