

To: 7/11 District Advisory Committee members

Thank you for serving on this committee in an obvious time of crisis for our district. Based on the materials we've read, you've all spent a great deal of time and effort considering the situation at hand. The entire community awaits your final recommendation and, ultimately, the decision of the Board of Trustees.

We are writing as concerned residents, tax payers and parents. Please have the courage to make sound, fact-based recommendations and understand that you will not be able to make everyone happy. You have been appointed to represent the community of families in this district, and we all expect you to fairly and equitably consider the needs of **all** the constituencies potentially affected by any recommendations put forth. If you act with integrity, diligence and transparency, nobody should be able to say you didn't act in what you considered to be the **best interests of the entire community**. If you allow subjective commentary, personal bias and criticism to unduly influence your recommendations, then your service on the 7/11 DAC will have been a colossal waste of time. We live in difficult times that require hard choices. Each household in this district is making hard decisions that they probably never expected they would have to make. **Please rise to the occasion and make your recommendations based on sound facts and meaningful decision criteria.**

While the 7/11 DAC charter outlines data to be considered and evaluation criteria, it does not explicitly define criteria for the ultimate recommendation. Proposals currently on the table address the evaluation criteria to varying degrees, but you will ultimately be faced with determining which factors are most important to the long-term health of the district. **Your decision criteria are unclear, so we urge you to make public your current thinking on which factors are going to be made a priority.** Fiscal and economic considerations can and will oftentimes directly conflict with community sentiment and other concerns, so simply reminding us of this fact serves little purpose other than to incite criticism.

We've heard it said more than once that the 7/11 DAC will not decide on a course of action for the district and that the final determination rests in the hands of the Board of Trustees. While this may be true, it would be irresponsible of the Board of Trustees to render a final decision that varies greatly from your recommendation without an implied vote of no confidence in your results. So, please continue to drive out the facts of the situation and make completely transparent your guiding priorities in generating a final recommendation. **Your decision will affect all the children that pass through this district today and in the future.**

Thank you,

John and Allie Hayase