

Max,

Happy Holidays! I wanted to write you a little note regarding the upcoming Whittier Building Project. First, I want to say that I am a big fan of Whittier and vocational education. I used to work with VoTechs all over the state in my previous job. I hope you are enjoying going to school there. Rhetoric around this project and the upcoming vote in the 11 communities on January 23rd is about to heat up. I wanted you to know that I will be speaking out against the project, but not because I don't think you deserve a new building to learn and grow in. I think the current Half Billion Dollar School plan put forward is not financially feasible for Newburyport, and as Mayor of Newburyport, it is my job to make sure that I represent the needs of all members of our community. I hope a No Vote will get Whittier back to the drawing board so they can come back with a more realistic plan for a new school or a solid renovation plan for the current school that will still support you and your classmates, and will also allow us to continue to work on important projects in our City. I wanted you to hear this from me first. I hope you have a great holiday season and good luck with the rest of your school year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sean Reardon