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Dear Chariho Families,

As you may be aware, the proposed school bond this past May, which included plans for improvements to our main campus and new construction of three elementary schools, was unfortunately rejected in the recent vote. While this outcome is disappointing, it allows us to reassess our plans and address any concerns that may have led to the rejection.

Our unwavering commitment is to provide our students and staff with the best educational environment. Despite the setback, we are determined to find a solution that aligns with the needs of our school community. The RI Department of Education will review the current condition of our facilities this September. We will receive an updated report that we will use to revise the plan for the elementary school improvements, considering the feedback we have received. We value your input and will engage stakeholders to ensure the revised proposal addresses any concerns raised. These conversations will occur during public meetings at our Necessity for School Construction Committee meetings. We also continue placing our facility planning and Hope Valley School Planning for closing on each School Committee Agenda—these are wonderful opportunities to share your feedback.

The School Committee voted at their May meeting to move forward with bond legislation for the main campus on the November 2024 ballot while we work to revise the Elementary School Plan. [Please click here](#) to review the November Bond Referendum request. You can also review our [Frequently Asked Question Document](#) regarding the Bond.

It is important to clarify that the district cannot implement a new plan for renovating the elementary schools without an architect and an Owner's Project Manager. The district will still ensure that basic maintenance and needs are addressed at all schools while a new application is developed.

We acknowledge that this process may require some time, but we want to assure you that we are committed to maintaining transparent communication and keeping you informed at every stage. Your feedback and involvement are vital to us, and we encourage you to share any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We will continue our ongoing discussions at each scheduled School Committee meeting. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work towards a revised elementary plan that meets the needs of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work to improve our school facilities, which will benefit our students and the entire community.

Sincerely,

*Gina Picard*

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