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## MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ms. Young:

In response to Ms. Katherine Craven's request of July 12 to identify the one priority Statement of Interest for the Maynard School District, I include the following.

The New England Association of Schools & Colleges addressed this letter to the High School Principal on January 31, 2006, "The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its January 8-9, 2006 meeting, reviewed the Combined Special Progress Report and Report of a Commission Directed Visit of Maynard High School and voted to place the school on probation because of significant deficiencies..."

Concisely, the Maynard School District is caught on the horns of a significant dilemma: to replace the entire High School facility or to initiate expensive, substantial renovations whose costs over time *will exceed* the costs of a new facility. And failure to act in the short-term will jeopardize the High School's Accreditation. Consequently, last evening the School Facilities Committee voted unanimously to identify Maynard High School as its first priority MSBA Statement of Interest.

The Maynard School District thus selects our High School as our top priority and most significant facilities problem. **Maynard needs now**, with **the new MSBA process**, assistance in resolving the dilemma between difficult, costly renovations versus building a new high school.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Masterson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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