




# East Lyme Public Schools

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## MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: ELPS Elementary Building Project Steering Committee Members

FROM: Jeffrey R. Newton, Superintendent 

RE: Update – Status of EL Elementary Building Project

DATE: July 21, 2016

At their regularly scheduled meeting on June 27, 2016, the Board of Education decided not to file the elementary school planned proposal with the state to renovate as new Lillie B. Haynes School by the June 30, 2016 deadline to receive potential project reimbursement. This was due to the state's financial uncertainty and the fear associated with a fiscal crisis along with a lack of support at the town level. Furthermore, on July 18, 2016, I recommended that the board step back from the intended renovation plans, engage in further discussion around the school projects, monitor enrollment, and consider a new course of action. Additionally, more discussion and input from the community and town boards should take place to ensure the plan moving forward will be supported and have a solid chance of passing at referendum.

In the near future, we will be calling the Elementary Building Committee together once again to further discuss options for moving forward.

Thank you for your past committee work and it's my hope you will continue to join us for future meetings as we stay the course in bringing an eventual plan forward.

I look forward to meeting with you again soon.

JN:lb

CC: Mark Nickerson, First Selectman  
Steve Harney, Board of Finance Chair  
Tim Hagen, Board of Education Chair  
Amy Drowne, Assistant Superintendent  
Maria Whalen, Director of Finance and Facilities  
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