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# MidCoast Community Council

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Cabrillo Unified School District,  
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Hon. Ken Jones, President  
Members of the Cabrillo Unified School District Board

RE: School Facilities Master Plan

On January <sup>22</sup>28<sup>th</sup> the Midcoast Community Council heard a presentation on some of the issues relating to the past difficulties in construction of the middle school, and the current task of finding a new site. It was pointed out fairly conclusively that the key criteria controlling the decision making for finding a new site for the middle school are based on eight to ten year old data that is now substantially incorrect. Some of the assumptions that need to be changed are the enrollment projections for the middle school, the state-recommended school site and field sizes, and the unknown implications of the discontinuation of busing for students who will now need to commute. One other factor that should be added is the significant benefit in having the middle school located in close proximity to a newly modernized and expanded library.

It is the unanimous recommendation from the Midcoast Community Council that the Facilities Master Plan which contains these outdated criteria should be reexamined and brought up to date as quickly as possible. We would certainly be willing to offer to assist in the community participation aspect of the examination of the current school needs of the Midcoast in particular and the Cabrillo Unified School District in general.

Sincerely,

Sandy Emerson  
Chair