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President Shannon and  
Burlington City Councilors  
Burlington City Hall  
Burlington, VT 05401

**Re: St. Joseph School**

Dear President Shannon and Burlington City Councilors:

Revised Renovation Costs

The attached sheet has the revised renovation costs for St. Joseph's School. It does not include asbestos abatement and soft costs: legal expenses, permitting fees, architectural fees (in the first year). Nor does it include cost overruns (usually about twenty percent for the Burlington School District). Renovation costs after the first four years could easily include major structural and roof work and the replacement of the underground sewage and plumbing system.

Why is the Burlington School District still attempting to buy St. Joseph School even though the price tag is now close to \$10M?

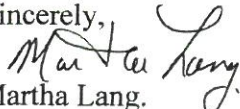
What Will St. Joseph's School Be Used For?

There could be an increase of perhaps 34 students in the next school year. Please note, the Burlington schools are only at eighty-seven percent of their maximum capacity. Could someone please explain why it is necessary to spend close to \$10M because there might be an increase of 34 students?

If St. Joseph's is purchased for administrative purposes, clerical/office workers cannot be relocated there because the school is located in a Residential Medium Zone which does not permit clerical/office work. Is there even a shortage in office space for the school's administrative workers? During these difficult financial times shouldn't there be cuts in school administrative expenses not increased spending for office space that cannot be occupied?

Wouldn't the Burlington tax payers' money be better spent on the city's pension fund?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Martha Lang.

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To: Bernie O'Rourke, Chair, Infrastructure and Technology Committee  
 From: Paul Irish, Director of Infrastructure and Technology  
 Re: Saint Joseph's School Capital Costs  
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Mark Irish, Bernie O'Rourke, and Paul Irish sat down with Colin Lindberg and Randy Burnett and did a review of potential costs for Saint Joseph's School. After that, Mark Irish reviewed specific costs with L&N to firm up prices.

Based on the original presentation, we were asked to return with a listing of costs to occupy. The following table shows immediate costs, and short term (less than 5 years) additional recommendations, if funding is available. Highlighted items have been reviewed. Major increases are in heat pump/ventilation/boilers, electrical, and lighting.

Contingency and design/engineering fees are included. This does not include the purchase of the building.

**Immediate Costs**

Item		Fiscal Year	Cost	Priority
contingency	1	2015	\$160,000	safety
bathroom ADA compliance	1	2015	\$368,000	accessibility
elevator	1	2015	\$260,000	accessibility
furnishings for classrooms	1	2015	\$100,000	
kitchen additional	1	2015	\$47,500	safety
kitchen hood	1	2015	\$83,000	safety
sprinkler	1	2015	\$257,400	safety
window treatments	1	2015	\$16,000	
Door Buzzer/Vid/Int	1	2015	\$6,000	security
Commercial Movers	1	2015	\$25,000	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,322,900</b>	

**Short Term Additional Recommendations**

Item		Fiscal Year	Cost	Priority
Contingency	3	2017	\$600,000	
Arch and Eng Fees	3	2017	\$400,000	
Heat Pumps for AC, ventilation, inc boilers	3	2017	\$2,886,000	
Room Re-configurations	3	2017	\$100,000	
downspouts runoff wastewater improvements	3	2017	\$28,600	
electrical upgrade	3	2017	\$915,200	
lighting improvements	3	2017	\$238,000	
sound control in gym	3	2017	\$30,000	
locksets	3	2017	\$100,000	security
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,297,800</b>	