

**To: Jackson School Board, Dr. Carl Nelson, Anne Kebler**  
**From: Parents, Teachers, Staff of the Jackson Grammar School and Community**  
**Members of the Town of Jackson**  
**Re: Jackson Grammar School Addition/ Construction Schedule**  
**Date: May 19, 2008**

**Description / History**  
**5/19/08**








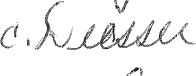



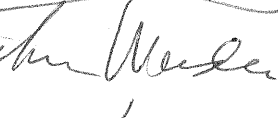



The townspeople of Jackson voted at School District meeting in March 2008 to fund the school addition project for the Jackson Grammar School. Detailed plans were presented at that meeting along with proposed construction schedules and guidelines. It was conveyed to the townspeople that the addition plans and details were the result of several years work of a building committee; it was stated that this plan would satisfy the needs of the school for the foreseeable future. (The building committee consisted of school board members, the school principal, a builder, a developer, a former selectman and the town moderator -- people familiar with the process of moving this scope of project forward.) It was stated at this meeting that the addition would, by and large, be built during the summer months in order to have the minimal impact on the school operations.

Subsequent to the vote and bond approval, information has been conveyed to the PTO and JGS parents that the target date was to start the addition immediately the last day of school -- June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and that the completion date appeared to be closer to October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was indicated, however, that the later work would minimally impact the school interior. At the March PTO meeting, it was determined that it was unlikely that the summer program could take place at the school due to the construction. The school board decided in their April meeting to disband the summer program for one year due to the construction.

Last week, on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the addition 'design team,' made up of two school board members, the school principal, Dr. Nelson, SAU 9 director of Administrative Services Jim Hill, the appointed project supervisor and the architect met and determined that the timeline for the addition project would likely be delayed with a revised start date of approximately August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and a completion date sometime in November of 2008.

**PETITION:**

We, the undersigned, as teachers, parents, staff of the school and community members strongly urge the members of the Jackson School Board, Dr. Nelson and Anne Kebler to take every action possible to substantially complete the addition to our school in a timeline which least impacts the educators and the schoolchildren. We feel that delaying this project will adversely affect the day to day activities of the school and is an unacceptable timeline.

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	Tisha Hank	5/20/08
	Cynthia Weager	5/20/08
	Sarah Duffy	5/20/08
	Melanie Levitt	5/20/08
	Ishi Hayes	5/20/08
	Mark Synnott	5/20/08
	Lauren Synnott	5/20/08
	Mary Dresser	5/20/08
	Tabatha Bradley	5/20/08
	Lori Balzer	5/20/08
	Victoria M. Hill	5/20/08
	STEPHEN WEEDEE	5/20/08
	KAMEIGH KEARNS	5/20/08
	GEORGE J. BORDASH	5/20/08
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Kim Darby

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<i>P. Dexter Harding</i>	Dexter Harding	5/20/08
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<i>Gaie Mitchell</i>	Gaie Mitchell	5/20/08
<i>Meredith K. Piotrow</i>	Meredith K. Piotrow	5/20/08
<i>Kristin Groves</i>	Kristin Groves	5/20/08
<i>Anne McBride Kentack</i>	Anne McBride Kentack	5/21/08

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Dear Board Members,

I can not attend this afternoon's meeting, and so would like to forward on my views that I wanted to voice.

There are three main areas of concern for myself and many parents of the school, these concerns are due in part to a lack of communication with the families.

Why did we not receive a more formal notification of our new principle, with maybe a small bio on who she is, what her experience has been and what she hopes to bring to our school. I find it insulting that we only hear about our new principle from the local paper, which I might add, not everyone reads. So then this information is left to being passed around through chit chat, and so exposing itself to misinformation.

The second point I would like to express, is finding out that the board is making a decision on what teaching role the new principle will be taking. Shouldn't the families be able to express their views, and shouldn't the new principle also have input in this decision. I found out after the fact, that the public was able to express an opinion on this topic at your last board meeting. Shouldn't the families have been notified prior to your last board meeting, that you were going to discuss the new principle's teaching role and that they might want to attend the meeting. Being a K/1 parent, I am concerned with the possibility of losing a full time aid in the classroom.

The third point I would like to make is that , I feel as do many other parents, the board's agendas are very vague, you don't really know what topics are going to be discussed on the night.

I would like to finish by saying, I am surprised that for such a small school, communication is very lacking, for most of us often feel in the dark, and the ones who do know something, know someone.

Thank you for reading and considering my thoughts.

Regards, Tabatha Bradley.