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Katherine Craven, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Craven:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Maynard Board of Selectmen to express our hope that you will assist our Town in resolving a significant dilemma. Our High School has been placed on *probation* by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, our accrediting agency. Failure to significantly improve our high school facility in the near future will cost Maynard its Accreditation, a loss the Maynard community can not afford.

Our dilemma is that our facilities study has suggested that costs of needed renovations approach or equal the costs of new construction; and significant renovations over time will cost more than a total renovation or new construction. Consequently we are reluctant to incrementally renovate. However, given our probationary Accreditation status, we must act. The simple facts are we can hardly make the degree of facilities improvements necessary without MSBA assistance. As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen we would appreciate MSBA's involvement in our community planning process as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

William Cranshaw, Chairman
Maynard Board of Selectmen

cc: Maynard School Committee