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Re: Quality School Grant Application Committee

To whom it may concern;

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion about the need for Energy Efficient Upgrades at our school. My professional background is thirty years of design and engineering of electrical and low voltage systems. I have noticed many deficiencies in this area. I have noticed that the lighting systems and controls are outdated and not efficient in anyway. The amount of energy savings for a complete year could be substantial if proper systems and product was to be installed. Security lighting is also lacking in many areas and for safety reasons should be addressed. Another concern is the lack of a back-up generator for power outages during extreme weather conditions. Our winters can be rather extreme and if the school lost power and some parents could not get to the school it would be comforting to know that the school could have at least some heat and a few light electrical products functioning. Another major concern is the outdated fire alarm system, I believe this system needs to be updated and improved to guarantee a higher level of safety.

The last item that concerns me is the heating and ventilation. I have had four children attend the school and all four have complained at some point and time that they needed to wear their coats in some of the classrooms because of lack of heat. I understand some rooms were warm, but some were really cold. They also complained about exhaust from the buses on the west end of the building. I don't feel that the buses were too close, or that the parent's vehicles are too close. It is my opinion that the ventilation system is not adequate or efficient enough for the structure.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider our application and would truly like to see some or all of these concerns addressed for our children safety and health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Arnes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Arnes
Concerned Parent