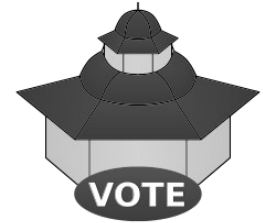


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9 months ago, on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, a Dennis parent spoke to the Board stating "The beautiful staircase in the front of the building has a 1 inch gap that is visible from where it's actually separating from the building. This means there are foundational issues at this point, which will only get worse."

The District's public timeline of events shows knowledge as early as February 7<sup>th</sup>, but the recorded board of education meeting from August is proof that the board was notified of these structural concerns much earlier than you have let on.

The District has made numerous false and misleading statements. For proof and details, visit DecaturVote.com and read my full report.

You have a lot of teachers and parents who are smart, engaged, and know what's going on with their schools. I'm here to share a few facts, encourage these folks to file formal complaints, and suggest actions for the Board.

First. If anyone here has first-hand knowledge or any documentation of wrongdoing by District officials – whether criminal or not – I encourage you to file a formal complaint with the Regional Superintendent Jill Reedy, who has jurisdiction over the District.

If you are unsatisfied with the Superintendent's handling of your complaint, then proceed to your state representative. If you know of criminal conduct, you should contact the Attorney General.

Pick up one of "these documents" from [location, or me] or visit DecaturVote.com for their contact information.

Second. Facts of this situation.

- The Superintendent's office is required to do annual inspections of all District facilities. These are not structural inspections, but still should be released.
- The 2013 HLS Survey found problems with windows, and several cases of water damage. Detailed information about repairs should be released.
- The Klingner & Associates detailed findings describe multiple past repair attempts to the stairs at Dennis and the parapet at French. Documents and a timeline related to these repairs should be released.
- The District claimed they would hold a "community forum" to share recommendations with Dennis Families, but instead planned this meeting with an already-prepared recommendation which the board is supposed to vote on tonight.

Third. Board Actions. The Board should:

- Publicly question district representatives about this situation
- Hire an outside firm to investigate the history of this situation
- Form a permanent official accountability committee, comprised of teachers and parents from multiple schools, who have full access to District information.

Lastly, folks should contact Herald & Review and WAND to give public comment about this story, and write Letters to the Editor.

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