

September 26, 2017

## Dear Neighbors,

As the President of the Board of Trustees and Head of School, we feel it is important to directly respond to statements made in a recent Community Update on the ARPOA website. These statements relate to the history of negotiations between the Key School and the ARPOA board, and are misleading, disingenuous, and not supported by the facts.

A history of Key School's attempts to negotiate with the ARPOA board is enclosed. As the information sheet shows, and as documented in sworn testimony before the Board of Appeals, Key tried on multiple occasions over many years to work with the ARPOA board to address neighborhood concerns. In each instance our only condition was that any agreement between the parties would settle current and future litigation for these matters. As the attached history shows, the ARPOA board rejected this approach and chose litigation over negotiation in each and every instance.

The result of that strategy has been protracted and expensive litigation that will, in all likelihood, result in far fewer property restrictions than were formally offered by Key early and often in the process.

It is unfortunate that this process has been so long and contentious. The Key School has every intention of being a model member of the neighborhood. Safety is of paramount importance to us as our children and community will be utilizing the same roads as the neighborhood. We are committed to doing our part to heal the wounds that have resulted from this process. The misleading and inflammatory comments posted recently however, only exacerbate the situation and do nothing to move us towards a more positive and collaborative relationship.

An important note on future communications:

While the established method for communicating with the community has been for Key to email updates to Tom Bodor and concurrently post them on the Fusco Athletic Park webpage (keyschool.org/FuscoAthleticPark), several residents have asked that we email these updates to them directly as well. For those who are interested, there is an email sign-up form on the Fusco Athletic Park webpage. All submitted email addresses will be kept confidential and only used to share updates about Fusco Athletic Park, which will be sent Bcc when the updates are sent to Tom Bodor. All development updates will continue to be posted to the Fusco Athletic Park webpage as well.

Going forward, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Key's Head of School Matthew Nespole (mnespole@keyschool.org) or Director of Communication Irfan Latimer (ilatimer@keyschool.org). With so much happening at Fusco Athletic Park, the on-site construction manager is no longer readily available to answer questions as residents stop by.

Sincerely,

Joe Janney

**Board of Trustees** 

Matthew Nespole Head of School

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