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Response to your email of May 15, 2017

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Dear Dr. McDonald:

Thank you for your response of May 15 to my letter to you of May 11. I am pleased to learn that Ms. Kenne will now be the liaison from the Board of Education to the Citizens' Oversight Committee. We bid a fond farewell to Pat Cahalan, our former liaison from the Board, whose hard work and valuable insights we shall miss. The Committee owes him our thanks and gratitude.

I appreciate your willingness to cooperate with the Committee so that it can perform its statutory oversight function. To begin with, I hope that you will be able to address satisfactorily the three most important outstanding requests of the Committee:

1. The request for basic project information from the Facilities Department most recently repeated in my letter to you of May 11, 2017.
2. The request for adequate administrative support of the Committee by the District made to you in the same letter.
3. An explanation of the significant variances between the "Spend-out Plan" promulgated by the Facilities Department in April and the most recently approved budget. Stated simply, "where did the different numbers in the 'Spend-out Plan' come from?"

My offer to meet with you in person to discuss these and any other issues of joint interest remains open.

The Committee will abide by your request to direct communications pertaining to the Facilities Department to you (even though Nelson and his staff continue to correspond directly with me). Of course, the Committee will continue to communicate direct with the Board of Education and the public as the law requires or permits.

Please distribute your May 15 email to me and this response to the members of the Committee and then post those documents on our web site as soon as possible. They are directly relevant to one of the agenda items to be discussed at our May 17 meeting.

Sincerely,

Clifton B. Cates

Chair, Citizens' Oversight Committee