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Raising Expectations...



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Developing An Elementary School Construction Plan Which ...

Replaces Obsolete Buildings

- Students Educational Needs Are Not Met By Current Facilities
 - Art/Music/Library
 - Cafeteria/Auditorium/Gymnasium
 - Nurse/Special Education/Family Coordinator
 - Classroom Grouping
 - Team Teaching
 - Flexible Spaces
- Existing Elementary Schools Require Extensive Renovations
 - Repairs, Fire Code Compliance, ADA Compliance
 - Creating 21st Century Learning Environments

Improves Elementary Education

- Flexible student groupings for optimized learning
- In grade teacher collaboration to improve instruction
- Provides consistent education community that improves parental involvement and increases academic performance
- Enhanced services through extra-curricular activities that could include foreign languages, sports exploration, artistic development, science exploration and experimentation, etc
- Providing better opportunities for after school programs with community partnerships
- Localizing special services of school psychologists, social workers, nurses, speech therapists, behavioral specialists, reading, music and art teachers.
- Supports student leadership experience development

Is Affordable

- Estimated Cost \$30M
- Taxpayer Cost Significantly Reduced Through
 - Operating Savings
 - State Construction Aid
 - Sale of Excess Property
 - Private Contributions
- Supports Potential for Future Aquidneck Island School District Realignment

"We've studied the schools in Miami, Detroit, Los Angeles and other urban districts, and all of the elementary schools here are in the worst physical condition we've seen," said Costello-Shea, speaking for Berkshire.



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