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Dear North Bergen Parents:

As you know, on December 11, 2018, North Bergen voters overwhelmingly approved a plan to acquire the former Hudson County Schools of Technology building, renovate and expand it, and upgrade and modernize a number of other school buildings in the District. This plan to expand and realign the North Bergen School District will enable smaller class sizes, add air conditioning to the existing high school, provide better accessibility, and provide new STEM and career technology education programs.

We have had a number of inquiries as to the status of this project, and we wanted to provide you with an update. While we continue to work toward implementation of the project, the project has been delayed by two lawsuits filed by two individuals, Larry Wainstein and Diana Ortiz. Mr. Wainstein and Ms. Ortiz seek to block the project from moving forward. While their lawsuits were rejected by the trial court within days of being filed, Mr. Wainstein and Ms. Ortiz continue to press their arguments in the appellate court. They argue that the voters should have been prevented from voting on this project in December.

We are confident the appellate court will reject the arguments from these two individuals and uphold the will of North Bergen voters so this project can proceed in a timely manner for the benefit of the Township's children.

Thank you for your interest in this project, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE J. SOLTER, Jr., Ed.D,
Superintendent of Schools