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Dear members of the Hamden BOE,

Thank you for all the volunteer hours of work that you put into ensuring our children receive a good education while keeping them safe during these difficult times. We recognize everyone is struggling and nevertheless you have continued working hard for our children.

The announcement that an agreement had been reached to sell Wintergreen was extremely well received in the Church Street School community. It felt like years of stress and uncertainty may finally come to an end and that our voices have been heard. For us, this was the news we had been hoping for the last two years.

We understand that the sale of Wintergreen is a process, and that steps still need to be taken to bring the BOE, the Legislative Council, and the Wintergreen neighbors on board. We would like to encourage the Board to vote in favor of the sale and release the building to the city, and additionally to formally vote to keep Church Street School open. Please put all politics aside and recognize that no solution is perfect, but this is likely the best one we will get right now to benefit Hamden's children. We also ask you to ensure that the funds from the sale are indeed earmarked primarily for Hamden Public Schools.

The only reasons given in the past for closing Church St. School were that buildings were being used below capacity and that the District was in financial distress. The sale of Wintergreen should allow to keep Church St. School open by relinquishing a building that is being underutilized, while securing more resources to improve all Hamden public schools and programs.

Thank you for listening,  
Andrea Gloria-Soria and Nathan Havill  
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P.S. This input was originally sent on September 19 for the September 21 Board meeting but was not read. We are sending it again, hoping our voices are heard this time.

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Good evening,

Our two children attend Hamden High School. With regard to the student who was carrying a loaded gun for several hours at Hamden High School on October 5, we are incredibly grateful for the staff and police who ultimately intervened.

Moving forward, Hamden Public Schools must develop effective procedures to keep students and staff safe and to ensure that guns do not enter the school building. We cannot only rely on individuals, such as students, to report suspicious activity. This method alone is not effective.

Parents need to be regularly informed about plans and discussions on this topic.

Thank you!

Sarah and Neil Northrop  
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