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Dear Dover Families and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well. As Superintendent of Dover Public Schools, I am pleased to share an exciting and forward-thinking initiative designed to support the academic growth and space needs of our students: the construction of a new 6th Grade Annex, located near North Dover Elementary and Dover High School.

This facility is much more than added space—it reflects our district’s long-term commitment to educational excellence, student well-being, and responsible planning. After careful consideration of multiple options, we selected a fiscally responsible solution that avoids high-interest borrowing and is significantly more cost-effective than the previously proposed \$69 million referendum. The annex is scheduled to open in Fall 2026.

What will the 6th Grade Annex provide?

- **A Developmentally Appropriate Transition Space:** The annex will serve as an intermediate setting where 6th-grade students can grow, learn, and mature among their peers before transitioning to the middle school. This approach supports their academic and social development at a critical stage.
- **Expanded Learning Opportunities:** With additional classroom space, Dover Middle School will be able to offer four new elective courses, easing scheduling constraints and enhancing the student experience as they prepare for high school.
- **Dedicated Space for Interventions:** The annex will house essential services such as Resource Rooms, Basic Skills Instruction, and Occupational and Physical Therapy. This will also allow us to reclaim specialized spaces in our elementary schools, improving support and instruction across the district.
- **Improved Access to the Arts:** Elementary students will benefit from dedicated classrooms for art and music, enriching their educational experience and promoting creativity.
- **District-Wide Relief:** By reducing overcrowding, the annex will create greater flexibility in scheduling and programming across all schools.

As the annex will be built on the site of the current bus depot, we also carefully reviewed relocation options. We are pleased to announce that a new, financially and residentially responsible location has been identified near its original site by North Dover Elementary and Dover High School. This ensures continued efficiency in transportation operations while minimizing disruption for students, families, and staff.

We invite all families and community members to stay informed and engaged. Please join us at upcoming Board of Education meetings or visit our district website for additional updates. Your voice and partnership are essential as we move forward—together.

With appreciation and dedication,

Luis A. Jaime

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Dover Public Schools