

Preliminary Report of the Lamprey River Elementary School Building Committee to the Raymond School Board: October 7, 2020

The Committee has met monthly over the past year, both in person (pre-COVID) and remotely (current status)

After touring the building, meeting with staff and meeting with our architectural consultant, the LRES Building Committee is not prepared to present a final recommendation at this time.

The reasons are twofold:

Any specific recommendation for improvements, additions or other upgrades to the present building cannot be made in good faith at this time because more detailed plans are needed. Without major reconstruction, which would include making new sections of the school at least one foot higher than the rest of the school (to be above the flood plain) the current school building will not be made to meet the educational/programmatic needs of our students for years to come.

We then began to look at the advantages of new construction. The stumbling block in relation to a new school is the availability of a suitable site.

With this in mind, we are recommending that this committee remain in place so that we can pursue the two alternatives in much greater detail.

Toward that end, we have enclosed a proposal from Mr. Kyle Barker.

In summary, we believe the children of Raymond deserve a more conducive learning environment than the current facility can offer. However, any recommendation should be made for the long term educational benefit of the students, and the best long term investment for the Raymond taxpayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Hajjar, Chair,

LRES Building Committee