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Mrs. Louise Dyer, President
Members of the Board of Education
Dr. Thomas Goodman,

You are aware of my dedication and commitment to secure new schools and replacement for pre-field schools as I was Co-Chairman of the 1971 School Bond Election; my commitment continues and my questions in no way are to be interpreted as critical of school needs.

1. More than 3 million was generated from last year's pre-Field Tax overide and a larger amount will be added from this next budget. Is this money being used to buy parcels of land adjacent to existing schools and are all the expenses connected with these transactions coming out of this fund?

2. Does this School District have the legal right to use this fund to acquire land rather than for actual development and construction of schools?

3. Does this action close off the option, often stated by Board Members, that the actual location of these sites is not fixed; Dr. Goodman has stated that approval of schematic drawings and plans sent to the State Department of Education is a method whereby our needs for State money would be secured for future disbursements; do these actions close off or prevent the possibilities of relocating some of these schools?

4. I know of the critical needs for schools in the north and southeast fringes of the city; the funds that have been set up from developer and construction firms have been accumulating and are being used now to provide elementary schools in the areas.
Are these funds bring used to cover the cost of construction only or do they include all the start-up costs, plans and site development, costs of your planning staff, land purchase, planning department requirements, escrow fees, architectural fees, time allocated to negotiate school contracts with developers, and all the innumerable costs associated with new school construction?

OR are these costs being taken out of general funds and school programs?

5. It has been rumored that the schools provided by the Tierrasanta Builders have been denied to children living in the Navy Housing that adjoins this school. Is the District permitting an outside agency to make decisions and taking this power away from the Board? This, if true, seems to be a dangerous precedent.

Sincerely

Harriet Stone
July 10, 1973