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Dear Neighbors of the Dover-Sherborn Regional Campus:

Over the past 8 to 10 years, various Dover-Sherborn central office personnel have had preliminary conversations with cellular carriers about siting a cell tower on the Dover-Sherborn Regional Campus. During 2014, Bay Communications, acting on behalf of AT&T, applied to the Dover Planning Board and the Dover Zoning Board of Appeals for approval and variances to build a tower on a private parcel of land in Dover with access off of Evergreen Way in Medfield. At that point, the Regional School Committee voted to investigate the opportunity to site the tower on land owned by the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District. Just last week, the RSC voted to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to further pursue the opportunity.



Current cell coverage on the Regional Campus is spotty at best and non-existent in many places. State-of-the-art emergency response procedures would be enhanced by full cellular coverage. It is also possible that expanded and reliable cellular coverage would support the district's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) technology program. It is our understanding that the cell coverage of our neighbors would benefit similarly.



Additionally, locating the tower on the DS Regional Campus would provide a welcome annual revenue source to the DS Regional School budget. It is our understanding that multiple carriers may be interested, which would multiply the revenue stream. However, we have not yet determined the potential size of the overall revenue opportunity.

The Regional School Committee seeks to be transparent and collaborative throughout this process. This topic was discussed at the Regional School Committee meeting of May 6th, which was attended by several Medfield abutters opposed to the current proposed site. The next public forum will be at the Regional School Committee's June 10th meeting beginning at 6:30 pm in the middle school library. Interested parties are encouraged to attend. In the interim, please feel free to email Superintendent Steve Bliss at bliss@doversherborn.org or your Regional School Committee representatives (<http://www.doversherborn.org/index.cfm/page/Regional-School-Committee-/pid/10228>).

Thank you for the opportunity to contact you on this matter and to engage you in this process.

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee:
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Ms. Dana White, Vice Chair, 158 Farm Street, Dover
Ms. Clare Graham, Sherborn
Mr. Michael Lee, Sherborn
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