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To: Zoning Board and/or Planning Board

From: Elizabeth McAndrews, Superintendent *ELM*

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Re: Impact of 27 Kimball Road on the Amesbury Public Schools

Thank you for reaching out to the District regarding the impact of the new development proposed for 27 Kimball Road.

In terms of space, there is plenty of room at both Amesbury Middle School (AMS) and Amesbury High School (AHS). We could absorb a significant amount of students in both of these locations provided that they are part of the existing grade configuration. At the current time, AMS contains grades 6, 7, and 8 and AHS contains grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Depending on the number of students in these grades, we might eventually need to add staff. In short, adding students at AMS and AHS should be no problem.

At the Sgt Jordan Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School (Shay) and the Cashman Upper Elementary School (CES), spacing is tighter. For Shay, we have enough space to absorb the number of students that are likely to be living in the new development. Grade 2 classes might be a little higher than they are now, as a result of budget cuts, we are reducing from 8 second grade classes to 7 classes. Adding back an 8th grade 2 teacher would resolve that particular challenge. That being said, we should be able to absorb the additional students at Shay. At CES, there are additional classroom spaces that would help to absorb the new students. However, depending on the number of additional students from the new development in each grade 3, 4 and 5, we may need to add additional staff as there are currently 6 classes at each grade level.

I do not see spacing as a problem with the addition of this development. However, depending on the number of students in each individual grade, it might impact staffing.

This is very difficult to predict without the actual number of students and which grades they might be in. I have made my best, educated guess.