

MPSA a proponent to long term planning for school district operations believes there is overwhelming community support for the School District to adopt through School Policy a Long Term Business Plan. At a minimum, such a Policy would provide homeowners guidance what to expect in terms of future tax increases for the next five years; and the underlying school activities affecting such tax increases. In addition to community support, there appears to be support by the school districts own CAC for Finance (see April 27, 2006 Manhasset Press) and Superintendent (see November 4, 2005 Manhasset Press).

Infrastructure building spending, subject to a 2/7/07 Referendum, should be clearly based on information affecting the long-term view of school activities. As such, given the school districts independent consultant's long term enrollment study, which clearly states over the next decade school enrollment will approximate 2800 students while there will be capacity for 3562, thus 762 or 20% of all seats will be empty; one would expect there be little argument for building spending related to "increasing enrollment". Yet the School Board is still discussing building expansion.

Most reasonable homeowners would agree the lack of long term planning and related lack of information has led to unnecessary confusion and disagreements among homeowners. The October 2006 Munsey Park and Norgate Propositions is an example of the adverse affect on the community that resulted from the lack of long term planning.

MPSA encourages the Community to support our efforts requiring the School District, through School Policy, adoption of a Long Term Business Plan in which both academics and spending is addressed for the next five years.