

Dear Visitors,

This is the letter from Allan Kinney that appeared in the Reminder on February 14, 2006. I was in response to a letter posted on the HWRSD website signed by Superintendent Gagliarducci and Chairman Chapman. If you wish to read their letter first just click the following hyperlink:

<http://www.hwrsd.org/admin/super/index.html>

School Committee: Get your facts straight

1. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District web page has a letter to Parents/Guardians: dated January 25.. Why is this letter not to the voters of Hampden-Wilbraham? There are four errors or misstatements in the letter:

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recently authorized a new School Building Authority" The law was signed July 28 2004. That is 18 months ago. Not recently..

"Over the course of the past two months the SBA has changed several assumptions that school districts such as ours were following"

The law has not changed. The authority is developing policies, rules and regulations for the program. General Counsel for the MSBA has warned all not to assume.

" The School Building Authority is recommending that we complete a new form entitled "Statement of interest""

After July 1, 2007, the new Massachusetts School Building Authority will require that the authority and city, town or regional school district, according to their draft Statement of Interest agree first on the problem necessitating a solution and then on the solution to the problem. That is what the Statement of Interest form is all about.

"Hopefully we'll be able to submit it within the next several weeks."

This Statement of interest form is only a draft. The final form cannot by law be published until July 1, 2006

On October 14 ,2005 a copy of the letter to me from Susan Flanagan-Cahill, General Counsel of the School Building Authority was published in the papers and on Masslive for all to read and she warned:

"One cannot assume since something was allowed under the old DOE's regulations, policies or procedures, it will be allowed under the new program and Authority."

Signed: Allan R. Kinney, Vice Chairman

Concerned Citizens of Wilbraham