



TOWN OF GROTON

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Honorable Ned Lamont, Governor
State of Connecticut Office of the Governor, State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont,

SUBJECT: Mystic Education Center Purchase Agreement

I am writing concerning the cancelled sale of the Mystic Education Center here in the Town of Groton. As you may recall, former DECD Commissioner David Lehman, issued a letter on October 26, 2022 to terminate the purchase and sales agreement with Respler Homes, LLC citing the State's failure to satisfy the requirements of Public Act 15-193.

The reason for my reaching out to you is concerning rumors that the property may still be sold by the State to Respler Homes despite the earlier, clear and unambiguous cancellation of the agreement. While the rumors may very well not be accurate, I still feel it is prudent to go on record in opposition to any potential sale of the property without first restarting the legal process, along with the issuance of a new Request for Proposals including extensive public comment. Our Community, along with the Town Council, has overwhelmingly expressed opposition to the sale of the property to Respler Homes, LLC. Their expectation is that the State will continue with its written and decided intent to not sell the property at this time, which was given substantial news coverage and which our community has relied upon. To do otherwise would certainly be met with extreme opposition locally, and paint the State in a very negative light.

Further, I request that if there is any intention of selling the property now, or in the future, please notify my office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John Burt
Groton Town Manager

Cc: Attorney General William Tong

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