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Dear Members of the School Committee and City Council:

I write to you to express my opposition to the current plan for the Peabody School. The Peabody school is a successful and popular Cambridge School with students who are achieving academic success. Thus, no changes are necessary at this time for this school.

There is no need to dismantle the Peabody school to achieve the goals as described in the consolidation plan. Leaving this out of the plan, would create less disruption for families and leave a successful program intact.

By transferring half of the current Peabody students to a newly created school that is made up of almost all the current Fitzgerald students, you will in effect be adding children to a school that has been marked as under performing, while sacrificing a successful program in the process. It has been shown in the past that such mergers do not work. Calling the new school the Peabody School will not disguise the fact that the current successful school will be gone.

It is so important to safeguard the most successful elements of our school system. Thank you for your attention to this plea.

Sincerely,

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A communication was received from Ellen Kramer, transmitting opposition to the current plan for the Peabody School.

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