



# TOWN of BROOKLINE

*Massachusetts*

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Building Commissioner  
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TO: Building Commission  
School Committee  
Select Board

FROM: Charles A. Simmons  
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SUBJECT: Vote for proprietary equipment

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An expansion is planned for the High School. The construction plans call for new equipment. I would like to install the same systems/equipment we have been using in the past.

In order to do this, a proprietary vote would need to be taken by the town. In order to justify this course of action, the reasons to use the same system would be the following:

- More efficient
- Cost savings
- Personnel have been trained and are familiar with the system
- The Town is familiar with the company

The disadvantages would be additional training needed for the new system/equipment and working with another company/supplier.

Regarding the Fire Alarm equipment, The Fire Department and Town staff is very familiar with the Notifier Systems equipment. There are multiple dealers/suppliers of this system for competitive prices. Equipment is interchangeable between the systems.

I am requesting that the Building Commission, School Committee and the Select Board approve a vote for proprietary equipment. Per past practice, I would like to have the vote for the following items:

Fire Alarm	Notifier Systems
EMS	Seimens, Johnson Controls
Door Hardware	LCN, Von Duprin, Schlage
Radio Box/Fire Alarm	LW Bills

Thank you for your consideration.

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