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To the Board of Education

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale is not able to comment on the 2018 bond proposal at tonight's Public Forum. While the League School Bond Study Committee has closely followed the development of the bond proposal, we could not schedule a League consensus meeting without first having all the information necessary for our League membership to evaluate and weigh in on the proposed school bond from an informed perspective.

The proposed scope and list of projects to be included in the bond have undergone constant amendment since this process began in May. As recently as just a few weeks ago, decisions that the School Board had made in July regarding the basic parameters of the proposed bond were the subject of extensive School Board member questioning and discussion. In addition, since May, the bond process timeline and public referendum date have been shifted forward twice. Only last week was there a public presentation of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA) report.

We regret that this bond process does not permit us to issue a League member consensus statement on the school bond proposal in advance of the School Board's adoption of a final bond resolution, as has been our practice in the past. However, we look forward to hosting the School Board and Administration at a League information session in January and to our League membership weighing in on the 2018 bond proposal prior to the public vote in February.

Sincerely,

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