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TO: Boulder Valley School Board
CC: Louisville City Council
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FR: Paul Weissmann
RE: Louisville Middle School Façade

Last night, as you know, the Louisville City Council took a bold step in passing a Resolution which requested that the School Board take another look at alternatives to saving the historic façade of the Middle School during reconstruction. I support that effort.

While I appreciate the time you have spent in additional hearings on the reconstruction of the Louisville Middle School, I am writing to join the City Council and members of the Louisville community in asking you to take one small step back and take another look at the plans for reconstruction of the school.

Specifically, what I would like to see the School Board do is to allow me and others interested in saving the historic façade to try to raise funds and seek grants to bridge the funding gap necessary to save the façade.

There are several sources of funding, including the limited gaming funds, which go to historic preservation, along with other historic preservation funds which I believe the School Board would be eligible to receive and which might be available to us. I have had preliminary discussions with some of these organizations and believe, working together, we would be able to access some of these funds for the Louisville Middle School reconstruction.

I know that the timeframe is short, but I am asking that you consider this alternative to save the façade and move forward with an improved middle school while respecting this historic facility in Louisville.

Thank you for your work for the kids and communities in our district.