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As you know, I went to Regency Elementary and moved here because I wanted my kids to go there. One is currently in 2nd grade and the other will be going to hopefully Regency in the next 3 years. I'm sure all of you have your minds made up already as to the school, but I wanted to throw out some information anyway.

In the past few weeks several homes have sold and each one of them is because the seniors who lived there have passed away or are now in care homes. All but one, have kids. There will be 2 more that go up for sale because the seniors have moved to a care home. I can guarantee that seniors are not moving in. Each of these has young families, most already with kids. Yes, this may be a small number but this was all in the past few weeks. Is there a plan where the kids will go in the new plan of homes that will soon be built behind S & T bank on Saltsburg rd.? What about the homes being built off of McComb lane? Oakmont Heights is finally going forward with their homes as well. There are 268 homes scheduled to be built in Plum in 2016. Each of these developments will have kids that go to a school, not necessarily Regency, but they will populate all the schools.

The gentleman from last night Will, from Winding way, lives in Longwood at Oakmont, and correct me if I am wrong, the residents don't even pay school taxes there. The facility makes a "charitable contribution". They don't even pay Boro taxes. At least, that's what Longwood tells me. So most of those 99 signatures he got on that petition, are null in void. This gentleman also did not have a permit to petition.

Next I would like to discuss a tax increase. I pay my fair share of taxes as I work 2 full time jobs for the past 10 years and haven't had a day off since the beginning of June. If you raise school taxes to 1 mill, which is as high as you can go, that equals \$8.33 per month on a \$100,000 house, which most people in Regency and Holiday Park houses assess for, as most don't have a \$400,000 house on Winchester. I would like to remind the citizens that your school taxes have not gone up in 9 years. Regardless, there have been 2 new schools built in the past few years. Is it really not worth \$8.33 cents a month, not to have 32 kids in a class room, where the teacher doesn't know your kids name. Think of it another way as well, you shouldn't have any major maintenance on these schools for 15 years.

Again, we didn't ask for a new school, that what you guys voted on it 6-2. Fix the current school to make it safe for our kids, and heck, add an air conditioning unit or build the Boro a new school that will house all the new plans being built. Keep in mind; you still have over \$6 million dollars left from the \$10 million you originally borrowed to build a new Regency. So we do not need to borrow \$12 million for a new school, it is closer to \$6 million, correct??