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Dear Tuxedo Families,

As we approach the end of October, the Board of Education and administration want to provide an update on the proposed Tuxedo Farms project and its impact to our school community. Before detailing the latest developments, we want to express gratitude for your continued support.

As of writing, the Tuxedo Union Free School District does not have an agreement with Tuxedo Farms developer, Related Companies, to provide us with developable land. Following our September 23 letter, we met with Related to discuss alternatives to the 40-acre parcel originally offered for use by TUFSD. As part of the conversation, the district proposed six different sites to meet our needs. Related counter offered with a 12-acre parcel - one quarter of the size of the plot that was included in the original offer. Unfortunately, even this much smaller parcel would require significant resources to develop.

Exactly why Related changed its course is unclear. What is crystal clear is that 40 acres of usable land and \$2.5 million are not "gifts" as the company claimed in a recent [news article](#). A 2014 proposal signed by Related and TUFSD states they are "obligated" to provide cleared land and funding to our district.

The Town has provided us with an updated Technical Memorandum and a School Fiscal Impact review addressing our concerns. While we disagree with their assessments, we look forward to providing a detailed response to their findings at a Town Board Special Meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2022 in the Community Room at 1 Temple Dr. This meeting will be solely dedicated to the issues presented by TUFSD. We ask each of you to attend, show your support and speak out. It is imperative that the Tuxedo Town Board and Related, see and hear the resolve of the Tuxedo school community.

The goal of the Board of Education and administration has always been to move forward with a plan that meets the needs of current and future students. We will continue working in good faith to meet this goal. For more on the Tuxedo Farms project and its impact, please visit the Tuxedo UFSD website.

Thank you for your continued support.

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