



## TUXEDO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Tuxedo Families,

As we move into 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 to our TUFSD families and residents for continued support.

Following our September 23 letter, we met with Tuxedo Farms developer Related Companies 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 of 27 acres. 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 Companies and TUFSD states they are "obligated" to provide land and funding to our district.

The goal of the Board of Education and administration is to move forward with a plan that meets the needs of current and future students attending the Tuxedo Union Free School District. We will continue working in good faith to achieve this goal and urge Related and the town to do the same.

Unfortunately, time is running short. The Tuxedo Town Board meets on Wednesday, October 12 and is expected to vote on the Special Permit to finalize updates to the development and allow construction to proceed. Once again, we encourage our families to attend (in person) and petition our elected officials to do what's right by the school district.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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