

March 27, 2009
Moe Handel on the Newman School Issue



The Newman School HVAC is in urgent need of repair. I am firmly behind getting this done as soon as possible. *We must* do this. I am confident that as Selectman I can help facilitate the School Committee and parents working together to take swift and appropriate action with town support. The Town must back this effort: **we need a quality and safe environment for our children.**

As we have in the past, the Town will come through on this issue. As Selectman, I will do everything possible to make sure there's the broadest possible support for this, including passing the override that will be necessary to accomplish this project—even with the significant state support for which we're eligible.

Our excellent schools are the hallmark of our community, and we must continue to keep our schools strong. My youngest daughter graduated from Needham High School one year ago, following her two brothers who also went through the Needham Public School system. As Selectman, I will do all that we need to do to ensure that our tradition of excellence is supported.

Keeping our schools strong, however, does not mean that we can't meet the obligations to our seniors. Too often "seniors" and "schools" are framed as opposing issues—but I know that there is **a better way**. *We can* meet our seniors' needs—and we must—and as Selectman, I will help construct a plan for economic sustainability that doesn't divide our constituents. I know from my own experience **Needham works best when we work together**, and my approach to coalition-building and economic revitalization will make this the norm of Town governance, rather than the exception.

My website (<http://moehandel.com>) is rolling out new material this weekend, and you will find there further information on **my vision for Needham and my unique qualifications and experience that will help me lead Needham forward.**

Thank you, and as always I'm grateful for your support and your concern for Needham. I encourage you to continue to communicate your questions and ideas to me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Moe Handel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Moe" and last name "Handel" clearly legible.