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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Lebanon School Board Chooses Middle School Building Site.**

Lebanon, NH January 7, 2010 -- At last night's School Board meeting the Lebanon School Board voted to place the proposed 5-8 Middle School on the district owned Route 4 property. This comes after many months of exploration and discussion of 4 different building options. Meetings were held with the community, the Lebanon School Board, District Administrators, and building professional to examine advantages and disadvantages of each of the building options before the Route 4 site was chosen last evening.

Throughout this entire process the School board members expressed concern for bringing forward a plan that was reasonable for Lebanon taxpayers but also addressed the district's long-term educational needs of our Lebanon students. School Board member Douglas Gross sighted State aid and the current favorable bond interest rate as some of the reasons to move forward now with a Middle School. Mary Jane Thibodeau felt the Route 4 site was the most favorable because it put the full campus all on one site. The Bank Street/Option 3 plan would have had to split the project between two sites.

The 5-8 Middle School building proposal will appear as Warrant article 2 on the March 9<sup>th</sup> ballot. To see the proposed budget for the 5-8 Middle School - Route 4 plan, or to see all of the options that were fully examined, please explore the documents filed under District Planning and Building.

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