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Decas School Steering Committee
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Dear Decas School Steering Committee,

The Wareham Tigers Athletic Association Board of Directors have expressed both interest and support for the re-purposing of the Decas School as a Community Center. We support this idea for multiple reasons. Our most urgent and obvious reason is simply based on the ever-growing numbers of our programs which require facilities to provide youth sports. Currently, we are using the Decas fields to conduct practices and games for our spring flag football program. This program began in 2018 with just under 30 athletes. This season, we have 200. With those numbers, comes the inherent demand for space. Decas Fields provide that space and are vital for the success of our program. The WTAA is the only youth sports organization in town that does not have its own "home". We rely heavily on gracious offerings extended by town official's allowing us to utilize public space to facilitate our growing needs for our community youth.

In addition to the fields being vital for our organization, the Decas building also offers the potential for our organization to utilize indoor space for our competitive cheer programs. We also recognize the great opportunity for us to use the fields during the fall season for our tackle football program practices. Our parents/members often face challenges getting their athletes to practices after school. How great would it be if Decas had an after school program that our athletes could possibly attend? They would be able to head directly to the fields for football and sideline cheer practice after their after school program ends which would be great for working parents. There is huge potential for even more athletes to become active now that their parents can reduce the stress of trying to get athletes to practices after work.

For these and many more reasons, the WTAA wholeheartedly supports the re-purposing of the Decas School as a Community Center.

Respectfully,

The Wareham Tigers Athletic Association Board of Directors