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Dear Mr. Hauptman;

I am heading up a community group that has concerns about the events of the past few months pertaining to the heating boiler located at Alta Central Office Building or Old High School Building, Alta Aurelia School District, Alta, Iowa. (AACS)

In recent records request I commissioned from AACS I learned that your quote (#Q2400140) to AACS dated January 9, 2024, you provided clarifications required for AACS to accomplish this major task. One clarification was that the work would be conducted during 10-hour shifts, Monday through Friday. Another clarification Rasmussen made was that "Work is estimated to take 8 to 10 working days to complete." Counting weekends, this is approximately two weeks that the boiler providing heat to the building would be off.

From what I understand, the boiler was shut down on January 7, 2024. In an email Superintendent Olhausen sent to Nicole Howard on January 12, 2024, it was debated how safe it was for your employees to come to the site and work. Olhausen did say that "conditions are bad here."

My question for you is, once you learned they had no auxiliary heat source during some of the coldest days of winter, did you have any responsibility to advise AACS not to shut down the boiler and reschedule the work during warmer temperatures?

Further, has your company had any conversations with board members or administrators at AACS regarding possible contract work for mechanical services on any new school buildings the school board has been discussing?

Thank you for your attention to these questions.

Sincerely,
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