

**Barrington
Education
Association**

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To the Council:

The Barrington Education Association, which represents member educators in Barrington, supports learning throughout the Barrington community and believes that society is made stronger through education. The building of a new public library increases educational opportunities to all citizens of Barrington and goes hand in hand with our members' daily work. Both the public library and educators in the public schools strive to offer a great variety of learning opportunities and to assure there is a wide array of media and activities from which to learn. As educators we promote reading, research, citizenship, and community engagement—all of which takes place at the public library as well as at school.

As in many communities, the public library gathers books for school projects and all teachers can have a free library card. More unique to Barrington, students can check out and return public library materials while at school as the BPL stops by each school weekly to pick up and deliver. The BPL acts as the school library for the ECLC, providing an important early literacy experience. School book groups use inter-library loans to obtain multiple copies of titles, and school copies of the summer reading books are shared with BPL to maximize availability. All this enables the Barrington Public Library and the public schools to serve more students and families, having a greater impact on educating the Barrington community.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Barrington Education Association, we are thrilled to see Barrington's learning opportunities grow. The new public library will benefit all learners—children, teens and adults. The Barrington Education Association members are pleased to support lifelong learning in the community by supporting the library's building project.

Sincerely,



Lauren Katz, Co-president

Nanine Venetos, Co-president, Judy Dowe, Jessie Palmer, Bob Benincasa, and Kristen Caswell, Executive Board