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Schools Violate Ethics Law

The Carver School Committee and Superintendent violated state ethics laws by using the schools parental notification system to notify parents of school age children about elections and Town meetings involving the school building project. Fixcarver.com members complained publicly regarding this clear violation of the ethics laws but were ignored.

We quote from the state ethics Commissions website Advisory 11-1: Public Employee Political Activity “A public employee may also neutrally notify the public generally that a town meeting will be held on a certain date and neutrally encourage all voters or members to attend. Public resources may not be used to notify only a subset of voters in order to influence the outcome of the vote or meeting. For example, notifying only the parents of school children of a ballot question whether to fund a new public school, and not notifying childless homeowners, would be prohibited, because it would not be neutral.”

It seems that the questionable claims are not originating at fixcarver.com but from those associated with the website of a certain disgruntled school supporter and wannabe defeated School Committee member. We have submitted this “imaginary infraction” to the State Ethics Commission.

Yes Stevie We are watching you and will proudly continue fulfilling our role as the Town’s watchdog until this unethical and illegal activity stops.

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