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Dear HoCo County Council,

As a parent of young kids, I strongly urge to council to pass CB17. Our kids are suffering and the situation is untenable. When you account for all of the factors involved in opening a new school, or building an addition to an existing school -- adding the school to the capital budget plan, identifying and purchasing land, securing state funding for construction, then actually designing and building the school or renovation, not to mention election cycles and funding priorities -- the realistic timeframe for opening a new school can be 8 years, OR MORE! We need a more sustainable check on development that pushes for sensible planning that is a necessary prerequisite for increased building.

The APFO schools test is a critical planning mechanism to ensure that our schools have enough seats available for the students expected to be generated by new housing units. In areas where our schools are already overcrowded, 4 years is simply not enough time to accomodate the growth brought on by new development. We need the school test extension in CB17.

Please make the right choice for HoCo families.

Sincerely,
Aurora Schmidt