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To the Voting OPSB Board,

The Big Lie. Maybe you have heard that the Arcadia Local School is in bad financial shape and the best thing that could happen is for 2000 acres of solar panels to be built in the school district. The solar developers desperately need us to believe that lie. We are supposed to believe the school is 100 years old, has never been updated, is poorly maintained and the auditorium is nearly unusable. It makes me disheartened to hear that kind of ignorant talk because most of us know better. We know the school has been updated many times and that the auditorium was designed at a time before microphones and speakers so the acoustics were important, very different from new construction and I know for a fact that the seats were completely redone.

When it comes to finances, the Arcadia Local School is in very solid shape with a general fund balance of more than \$5,500,000 last month and finally received the first tax payment for the sewer pipeline from the County Auditor's office of \$632,715. If you check the Department of Education website and type in "cupp" in the search box you can learn that the Arcadia Local School spends \$12,070 per student, and the Van Buren School

spends \$11,843. Arcadia has a valuation of \$411,088 per student compared to \$294,412 for Van Buren. Arcadia's academic performance is rated at 90.1 compared to the state average of 70. I hope you are as proud of Arcadia Local School as I am and know better than believing the desperate lie. What the school really needs is more students.

Sincerely,

Lanny Boes

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