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Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you again for communicating with us regarding the nomination of George Washington High School, Roosevelt Middle School, and Hilltop High School for potential designation as local landmarks. We have appreciated the conscientious and proactive efforts you and Tim Frye have made to inform us and the Board of Education about the proposals. I also want to thank you personally for your patience during SFUSD's consideration of the proposals through the course of several meetings and public hearings.

As you heard at the Board of Education meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Education is opposed to the nominations based on several factors. First and foremost, the Commissioners are very concerned about depictions in the Arnautoff murals at George Washington High School that many members of our community view as racially insensitive. In general, Commissioners are also concerned that conferring landmark status could lead to other currently unforeseen and potentially unwelcome complications regarding SFUSD's potential plans for modernization, structural upgrades and future uses of the buildings.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Myong Leigh".

Myong Leigh  
Deputy Superintendent, Policy and Operations