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Subject: Attention Joshua Machen Madrona School CUP

Dear Josh,

Please see attached

Thank you,
Kim Vennerholm

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Joshua Machen, AICP, Planning Manager
City of Bainbridge Island
280 Madison Ave. North
Bainbridge, Island, WA 98110

Dear Joshua Machen and the City of Bainbridge Island Planning Team,

I'm writing about Madrona School's application for a Conditional Use Permit to build a new campus on the Lowery Farm property.

Our family moved to Bainbridge Island in 1985 and my three sons were raised here. My grown sons often reflect about the positive aspects of growing up on the island. They had the space and freedom to spend many imaginative hours playing in the woods. They experienced the changing of the seasons and the satisfaction of harvesting their own food through gardening together. The island has grown and changed in the past thirty or so years. As an educator I have observed that children have much less exposure to the natural environment and are often disconnected to the source of the food they eat. This is impacting the healthy development of our children. The Madrona School Campus would serve to preserve a part of rural Bainbridge; a natural environment in which children can explore and grow, as well as the farming culture of our island.

Please consider the gifts that the future campus of Madrona School could offer in the preservation of natural spaces, farming, and ultimately childhood as you reach your decision in granting the school its Conditional Use Permit.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Vennerholm