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**Megan Hawgood's Concerns about the planned Madrona School  
across from the Windsong Loop neighborhood**

Having lived in our wonderful pastoral neighborhood for almost 25 years now, I have several serious concerns about a school being build across the street from our entrance.

**TRAFFIC.** I have read the traffic report (and understood it to the best of my abilities). When they say that 50% of parents are coming from/returning to the north, do they really think that parents drive out simply to take their kids to school, and then drive directly back home? If my life as a parent and earth-conserving individual is any indication (and I HOPE it is, particularly where the WALDORF school is concerned), those parents who are coming from the north to deliver their kids to school are then continuing ON down North Madison to the highway to run other errands, get to work or get other things done in the same "trip" to conserve their time and their use of fossil fuels. This means that the dreadful multi-light-cycle backup at the bottom of the hill will be even more unbearable. Currently, it often takes 3-4 cycles of the light in the morning before-school time, and this would be seriously worsened with Waldorf parent traffic.

**PARKING.** I've read that they will have parking for parents, but unless they want to "pave over paradise and put up a parking lot" (and harm the environment in doing so), you KNOW they will end up parking along our narrow neighborhood streets when events happen. This is absolutely NOT OK. Our streets service 30+ houses with two plus drivers in each, plus any friends/visitors/service people/mail truck/paper delivery, etc. We cannot have cars parked along our streets.

**PRESERVING OUR RURAL FEELING.** We moved to Bainbridge a quarter century ago to live a more rural life than the one available in Seattle, while still being within a ferry's reach. We moved into a balanced neighborhood, which provided the rural "feel" with open spaces and the benefits of having neighbors. The rural, calm feeling of coming home after a stressful day (whether on island or off at our various occupations) will be detrimentally affected by having a school directly across the street. Noise, light (for evening events), traffic and spillover parking I feel will RUIN our home.

*There are more high-density areas that are much more appropriate for the addition of a new school on virgin property than the parcel across from our peaceful neighborhood. I would hate to end up feeling BAD about where I live — for nearly 25 years it has been a "high" through many "lows." I need that consistent positive feeling to be able to withstand the negative blows that life throws us. Please, NO SCHOOL ACROSS THE STREET!*

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