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Subject: Conditional Use Permit - Madrona School

I am writing to provide public comment on the land use application for a Conditional Use Permit for the Madrona School at 11478 North Madison Ave.

I strongly support the Madrona School's efforts to relocate their school to the Madison Ave site. The proposed program for development of the site will preserve a very high percentage of open space, and traffic and storm water will be carefully managed to eliminate negative impacts on the community. The alternative of a residential subdivision would result in a much greater impact with more building square footage, more pavement and less open space.

The site will provide much needed access to nature that will enrich the students' experience. This enhanced experience will include hands-on learning, and it will instill a strong sense of place in the children that will root them in Bainbridge Island.

The Madrona school has demonstrated an exceptional ability to graduate responsible, empathetic, curious students that go on to find success in high school and college. The option of sending my daughter to the Madrona School was a key factor in my decision to move to Bainbridge Island six years ago, and it is important that Bainbridge Island families have multiple educational options to meet their unique needs. Multiple school options enriches the community.

This school needs better facilities to meet the needs of the students, and the Madison Ave site provides an opportunity to address existing deficiencies. Their existing site no longer meets their needs, and the Madison Ave site provides an outstanding opportunity to provide a first class option for the Madrona School.

I support the approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

Thank you,

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