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To: PCD <pcd@bainbridgewa.gov>
Subject: Comment In Support of Madrona School's Conditional Use Permit

Dear Mr. Machen,

I'm writing to let the City of Bainbridge Island know that I support Madrona School's wish to build their school on the Lowery Farm land in the Rolling Bay neighborhood.

I currently teach Spanish at Bainbridge High School, but taught Spanish at Madrona School for five years, from 2011-2016, and I know first-hand that a wonderful group of teachers and students and families makes up the Madrona School community. The Waldorf education they provide is unique to Kitsap County, and provides an educational alternative that is special, beautiful, nature and wonder-filled, and heartfelt.

Madrona School has been an excellent tenant at its current location at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, and they will continue to be good and nurturing neighbors in the new location. They have outgrown their campus and need to build on the land where they currently conduct their farming and outdoor education. The work they do at the farm is an integral part of Waldorf education, and they need to grow.

Please allow Madrona School to build their school on North Madison Avenue NE. They will be excellent neighbors and they will be helping Bainbridge Island remain special and unique.

Many thanks for considering this request from
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