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Subject: Madrona School at Lowery Farm

To Josh Machen,
City of Bainbridge Island

Dear Josh,

We are neighbors to the Lowery Farm and are enthusiastic about the Madrona School's plans to build their new school there!

A Waldorf school seems to be an appropriate destiny for this 5 acre homestead, retaining its open and rural feeling. A better fate than becoming yet another suburban subdivision. We know that this is a small privately funded school and that the Conditional Use process requires them to include all possible future development in three phases. That said, we do understand the concerns of other neighbors regarding the traffic flow at peak times and the need for managing that traffic and parking given the Wilkes School nearby. That peak traffic has already created a big bottleneck every weekday morning at the Sportsman Club Road intersection.

We have lived in a restored farmhouse at 9766 NE Valley Rd. for 26 years and have raised our 2 children here. Our kids attended the Briar Rose Kindergarten on Roberts Rd. for 3 years which was our first introduction to Waldorf education.

Being a self-employed artist and an architect, we fell in love with the Waldorf philosophy that embraces educating the whole child through hands on crafts, art and immersion in nature.

While our own children went on to attend our local public schools, we remain fans of Waldorf education and hope for it to flourish on Bainbridge Island.

When we are out in the garden we love hearing the joyful voices of children playing nearby. We embrace having the Madrona School move to our neighborhood, and we think they will be respectful neighbors.

Very Truly Yours,

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