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Bainbridge Island, WA

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Mr. Smith,

We are writing to express our deep concern for the proposed relocation of The Madrona School from it's downtown location to the residential neighborhood of N. Madison/Rolling Bay.

As residents of this neighborhood for 16 years, we feel like this addition of a private school in this location would change the character and comfort of our neighborhood forever.

Among many other concerns, this school will have a tremendous impact on the traffic for residents all along Madison NE, especially from the proposed site down to the traffic light at 305. I invite you to come observe the already bottlenecked traffic from 8:10 am to 8:35 am as well as the constant flow of traffic after school and during work commute times, as drivers avoid the traffic on 305. The problem will worsen with the building of a new private school and will increase in the evening hours with the proposal of 400 seat auditorium for other events.

We are rightfully concerned about the lights , noise , parking and other issues. When purchasing a home that is zoned residential, you never imagine this issue arising as you would if you purchased near a public park, open land, school, etc.

We are constantly hearing of decreased student enrollment on the island so I am curious how the demographics warrant the magnitude of this project?

How does a private school serve the entire community? Has there been an environmental impact report? Has there been a traffic study? Have other options been considered for their new school? For example, expanding the Hyla campus?

I trust that you and the city of Bainbridge Island will do what is best for the entire community and not approve this project.

Sincerely,

Dawn and Grant Clark

N. Madison Ave NE Homeowners