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Dear Josh Machen,

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My family and I are in support of The Madrona School establishing a beautiful, sustainable campus at Lowry Farm. My children thrived in a Waldorf school on Whidbey Island, for twelve years. Our school much like the one intended for Lowry Farm was a haven for the community and a place for children to develop into compassionate, considerate, capable adults. Our school came to be loved by the neighbours who bordered our school community, and you could often find the locals pitching in on volunteer days and attending our public festivals.

Today my children have long since moved on from Waldorf School but I find myself back in a Waldorf Community. Not as a parent but now as a teacher at the Madrona School. I am the Games teacher. What this means is I work with all the grade students outside teaching movement skills as well as strategy games, ball and racket skills and sports. Right now we use a small play yard with no grass to accommodate our daily Game lessons. It is too small. Our students are in need of a field to play on, to run around on as well as courts for various ball games. The plans for Lowry Farm will accommodate this need for a much needed outdoor play space.

My family and I believe that The Madrona School at Lowry Farm will be a great asset to the local neighbours as well as to the entire island at large. Having taught at this school, now going on three years, this school in particular stands out. I am consistently impressed by the schools deep abiding consciousnesses. People here communicate, with honesty and integrity, and they have the greater good in mind and in heart. This can be seen in the delivery of their inspiring education for the children, the involvement of the parent body in the community and the school's excellent track record interfacing with the Winslow community at its current location.

A wise choice is our Waldorf School at Lowry Farm choice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully ,

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