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Subject: Comment about Madrona School idea on North Madison

Greetings.

I live in the Windsong Loop neighborhood, and have done for 24 years. We've raised our kids here, and they went to Wilkes, a mile north of us.

We treasure the feel of the rural "neighborhood" and feel that if a school were built across the street from our neighborhood, it would detract from that treasured feeling in many ways, and more or less RUIN the place we live and have called home for 24 years.

Several things that are untenable:

- \* Plopping a school with a 400 seat auditorium in the middle of a purely residential neighborhood.
- \* Adding MORE traffic to North Madison and MORE WAIT at the already RIDICULOUSLY LONG WAIT TIME at the Madison/305 light during school drop off/pick up times.
- \* Adding noise that is unacceptable during the day (bells, etc.) and light that is unacceptable during the night — especially if they have evening events or rent out their space, as the established schools often do.
- \* Adding "overflow" parking for school events that would either spill into our neighborhood (which has just enough width in street to accommodate one car each direction when driving in/out — and we have 31 lots, thus needing the in/out flow) or block part of the wonderful and useful bike/walk lane on Madison. I am a bicyclist and we as two-wheelers waited long enough for safe, clear passage up the hill; and as a frequent walker in the lane, I appreciate that I can walk safely on level ground without dodging traffic while skirting parked cars.

I am hoping that this is not a done deal, and that your public comment period is actually a time that you use to HEAR the public before making any kind of decision.

There are more high-density areas that are much more appropriate for the addition of a new school on virgin property than the parcel across from our peaceful neighborhood. I would hate to end up feeling BAD about where I live — for 24 years it has been a "high" through many "lows." I need that consistent positive feeling to be able to withstand the negative blows that life throws us. Please, NO SCHOOL ACROSS THE STREET!

Best regards,

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