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Dear Mr. Barrett:

We attended the meeting at St. Patrick's on February 11 in which the traffic report was delivered. As we mentioned in the discussions that followed, we own the property adjacent to 4925 MacArthur Blvd. and, aside from our more general concerns, we have several specific concerns with the proposed facility next door to our home.

Water drainage. Over the years the water spillover has increased to the point where a waterfall now occurs during and after a heavy rain. Additional use of the parking area and the construction of a basketball area will aggravate an already bad situation. How do you plan to address this problem? When can we meet with your landscape architect to see what kind of trees could be planted to prevent further erosion?

Safety. There is a four to five foot drop between the edge of 4925 MacArthur Blvd. and our property and no fence at present. We are concerned both about the safety of any students running in the area and our own when frisbee and ball-playing inevitably occurs. Clearly a fence is in order. Should the zoning be approved, we wish to be consulted in advance of its selection and installation. I assume that the neighboring property on Ashby Street will be consulted as well. We propose an attractive vertical rail metal fence of at least five feet around the property. This would be an acceptable compromise between aesthetics and practicality.

Environment. Trash is collected from the dumpster which sits in the parking lot once a week generally earlier than the 7 a.m. regulation – will this practice be corrected? At present most of this trash is non-food items. With 70 plus people eating there at least five days a week there will be an increase in the attraction of rodents and raccoons. Will the students be permitted to eat outside? Where precisely will the dumpster be located, how often will the trash be removed, and under what conditions?

I would appreciate hearing of your plans in more detail as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Cathy Wright

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