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Dear Ms. Kurtz:

I received your May 22nd letter concerning MSNV's plans to expand the school's operations at its existing location in the Hillbrook/TallOaks neighborhood. As you know MSNV was granted a special exception amendment (SEA 90-M -003) in 1993 to operate "a school of general education, nursery school and child care center." This amendment was granted with conditions that were agreed to by MSNV and the Hillbrook/TallOaks neighborhood. The neighborhood was concerned that any expansion would reduce the quality of life in the neighborhood and pose a safety issue with regards to traffic. Your current plans are raising these issues once again. **I am absolutely and unequivocally opposed to any expansion of MSNV operations.**

I live directly next door to the school and all cars arriving and leaving the school pass my house. This traffic would only worsen with an expansion of your student population. But this is not the only concern.

Our neighborhood has no sidewalks and an increase in traffic and the corresponding increase in speeders poses a safety issue for all residents. Right now we have 4 rush hours - 9:00 a.m. 12 noon, 3:00 pm and the end of day traffic around 6:00 p.m. Traffic noticeably increases around these times making it a challenge to navigate our streets. Also an increase in student population means building and parking lot expansions and more parking issues during MSNV evening and daytime activities.

The school is located at the worse possible location in our neighborhood. MSNV traffic must travel through Hillbrook/TallOaks to reach the school and all traffic funnels to a single point of failure. This is not a good situation.

You mention in your letter the possibility of selling your property and moving elsewhere. While I certainly never wished that to happen perhaps finding a more suitable location for your school could benefit everyone. You are after all a business that has outgrown its infrastructure.

You also say that a key goal of your plan is to provide "a complete Montessori program extending from pre-primary to sixth grade." My family's goal (and I assume the goal of all my Hillbrook/TallOaks neighbors) and our reason for living in this neighborhood is to enjoy the peace and tranquility that life here affords. Those two goals are becoming increasingly at odds.

A traffic focus group is a bit premature. This expansion issue must be vetted first with the entire community before any other movement toward your expansion can be addressed.

Once again I am opposed to any expansion plans for MSNV and I hope my Civic Association, Hillbrook/TallOaks residents and the County Department of Planning and Zoning will also oppose any expansion.

Respectfully,



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