

Wendy Winningham

From: Nancy Ogren
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 7:01 PM
To: Wendy Winningham
Subject: FW: Golden Eagle Charter School

Wendy-
Please share as correspondence.
Thank you,

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From: William Nordell <wgnordell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 5:19 PM
To: Nancy Ogren <nogren@co.siskiyou.ca.us>
Subject: Golden Eagle Charter School

Dear Ms. Ogren,

I write to support Golden Eagle Charter School (GECS) and to support the decision made in February 2024 by the Siskiyou County Planning Commission to issue conditional use permit to GECS.

People who grow up and live in Siskiyou County have to make hard choices regarding whether they will stay in Siskiyou County and raise a family, start businesses and contribute to their community or whether they will move elsewhere to do those things. They will have a lot to think about before making that important life decision. High on that list are questions about the quality and choices of schools available for their families.

I have two daughters ages 8 and 10 in second and fourth grades who have attended GECS since kindergarten. GECS is a public school that has been successfully educating students from all around Siskiyou County for 20 years. It has been an amazing experience — one which our family had had a direct hand in creating. Our children are succeeding academically, socially and emotionally in a unique school environment which families have had a part in building. The culture is centered on academic excellence, family involvement and constructive social engagement with all students and across all grades. GECS gives families across Siskiyou County a choice in children's education. And I believe that families in Siskiyou County should have choices for the schools their children attend and a voice in how their children are educated.

I could write volumes about my daughters' positive experiences at GECS but a couple things stand out in my mind. This year my eldest daughter Magnolia in fourth grade has had the rewarding and enriching opportunity to mentor young students in kindergarten. The experience has given Magnolia greater self-esteem, respect for others including teachers and staff, and a sense of belonging to something bigger than herself. Mentoring has always been encouraged at GECS and is a fundamental core value.

Willow my second grader has a learning disability, is visually impaired and has modest but noticeable facial disfigurement. GECS staff have worked hard to ensure that the stigmas that may come along with these things

do not impact her and her relationship with other students. I cannot overstate how hard the staff works to forestall teasing, bullying; the staff are dedicated to creating understanding and effective communication skills. Since attending GECS Willow is more confident and relaxed and she is thriving in her academic pursuits.

The families whose children attend GECS, the staff and the administrators are committed to being good neighbors and to minimizing any impacts the school's activities may have on people in area and the surrounding environment. GECS has had biological, traffic and noise studies completed by experts in their fields and none have pointed to adverse effects that will result by GECS moving forward.

My daughters love GECS and they love learning. GECS is changing the lives of its students. Several of these students have not had success in traditional public schools and are now thriving at GECS. Our students will have a positive impact in Siskiyou County for years to come. Thank you in advance for supporting innovative public education, school choice, common sense development and the many families who are a part of the GECS. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,

Gary Nordell

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From: Michael Kobseff
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:35 PM
To: Wendy Winningham
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Thank you,

Michael N. Kobseff
Siskiyou County Supervisor for District 3

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From: William Nordell <wgnordell@gmail.com>
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