

## Wendy Winningham

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**To:** Wendy Winningham  
**Subject:** FW: Reg: Golden Eagle Charter School Use Permit

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Thank you,

Michael N. Kobseff  
Siskiyou County Supervisor for District 3

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**From:** Jessica Harmse <harmsefamilyusa@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Kobseff <mkobseff@co.siskiyou.ca.us>  
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To The Attention of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors,

Reg: Golden Eagle Charter School Use Permit

I would like to begin by thanking the Board in advance for reviewing my letter in support of Golden Eagle Charter School (GECS). My name is Jessica Harmse, and I am writing this letter on behalf of my family and the experience we have had with GECS. We have 3 children currently enrolled through GECS (12th grade, 9th grade, and 1st grade). Our family has been with GECS since 2011. We as a family are dismayed to learn of the recent and still on-going contention regarding the renewal of GEC's use permit for their school located at 1030 W A Barr Rd, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067.

Please allow me to begin by stating that Golden Eagle is not just your average public school, they are so much more. Golden Eagle is a deep-rooted public school that supports individualized, non-traditional education to meet unique learning needs while fostering the unparalleled strengths and talents of their students throughout the entire county. They are a public school that encourages parental involvement in order to achieve the greatest learning outcomes for their students. From a parent's perspective, GECS provides a village of guidance, support, love, and education to students from every walk of life. They strive to eliminate adversity through individualized learning plans and providing students with ALL the tools they need to be successful in their plans. This is not something new, but rather, something we as a family have observed and experienced since our first year of enrollment. As a result of the educational principles, individualized learning plans, and limitless educational opportunities, our eldest child will be graduating GECS this Spring while simultaneously graduating College of the Siskiyous with Honors and 3 Associate Degrees, a positive outcome of dual enrollment during his four years of high school education.

We as a community, as a county, cannot afford to not support Golden Eagle. We as a country, as a world, face great challenges in our future, and thereby need to support and work with our schools who strive to educate our children for the future challenges that they will undoubtedly endure. We should rejoice at the sound of children at play and indulge in that innocence; knowing what a challenging road they have ahead of them and even more so without a solid education. My plea is that the Board of Supervisors recognize GECS for what they are and for the service they provide to not only the students and the parents, but also to the community, the state, this country, and the world. If we open our hearts to our youth, and welcome and encourage the expansion and improvement of our schools, we will be surprised by the greatness that will flourish. Our students deserve a facility where they can unite and learn. A facility that offers adequate space and potential future growth as we as a society navigate the ever changing expectations and demands placed upon us. Rather than create and/or visualize obstacles, please work with and support the administration and faculty of GECS. Please open your hearts and welcome our students to their new location, a location that not only offers room, but also peace, a place where our students can feel safe. Give our students a chance to demonstrate their worth and when you see them pass by remember that they are not growing up in the world that once was, but in a world where they face enough adversity without having to feel unwelcome by members of their community. If and when you hear them at play, remember what it was like to be young, when imagination was limitless, and nothing was impossible. Enjoy that innocence because it doesn't last for long.

I would like to again thank you for reading and considering my letter in support of the renewal of the GECS use permit.

Sincerely,

Jessica Harmse