

Wendy Winningham

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To: Wendy Winningham
Subject: FW:

Thank you,

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Siskiyou County Supervisor for District 3

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

My two children and my stepson have all gone to GECS. They played a large role in salvaging my stepson's high school career and are the main reason he graduated back in 2014 at all. Back then, since they had been around for a decade they had an established protocol that prevented my stepson from failing out or dropping out.

My other 2 kids benefit from this public school and have been going there since before the new campus. They each have specific needs that this school can attend to in ways that a more traditional school would be hard pressed to meet. As two of the 440 students GECS educates county wide my children receive a more individualized curricula and more hands on attention than larger class sizes permit.

This school fits a niche and fills a need in our community. They are incredibly open to the needs of the community and relish getting the community involved. Their basic philosophy is antithetical to causing any environmental harm and go out of their way to expose the students to their community and to nature emphasizing safe, appropriate interaction while maintaining security.

In the spirit of "First do no harm!" they did several studies, re: noise, impact, traffic (they could use some school speed limit signs if you can help the county and them with that). Even though their previous campus was stuffed to bursting, they solicited experts to verify that using this old church as a school would not cause harm or stress the neighborhood.

The old church had a school there for a little while and surely a school could not be any more of an additional burden than an active church, especially considering it was zoned for much more

potentially disruptive businesses. Having a school nearby is often a draw for home buyers and can actually increase property values much more so than say a repair shop or market.

My primary concern is of course for my children and the incredible education, socialization, and exposure to the arts and natural sciences they receive in this much more appropriately appointed campus. The current venue is extraordinarily placed for an optimal, safe, educational experience for my children.

Please consider this in your deliberations. I and my children thank you.