

December 27, 2005

Dear Madison Board of Education:

The property owners and residents of **Swan Creek** would like to express their great displeasure of the newest boundary proposal(s) that the school board is now considering to alleviate over crowding and income disparity within the Westside Madison Metropolitan School District. The proposals to have our children attend Lincoln/Midvale are the most disheartening. Collectively we are very disappointed and believe our subdivision is being used selfishly by the Madison school system.

When the Swan Creek subdivision was being developed, the Madison Metropolitan School District was very interested in obtaining our neighborhood for its tax base and we now feel that we are being taken advantage of due to our current small voice when compared to the whole system.

Original school zoning had the children of Swan Creek attending the Oregon School District. However through a land swapping agreement, Swan Creek was then placed in the Madison school system, as an island of good revenue source. When the boundary swap was made Leopold School was the educational beneficiary of our elementary children. Representations made in a "Statement of facts and position of Madison Metropolitan School District in opposition to appeal" clearly states that Swan Creek children will be attending Leopold and was a center point of the land swap.

At present, it again looks like the residents/children of Swan Creek are being used to plug holes in a plan that has very little merit and is contrary to the original land swap deal. The residents of Swan Creek believe there are only losses with the newest proposal, which sends our children to Lincoln/Midvale.

Now that Swan Creek is in the Madison School district it appears that the district is grateful for the increased upper class tax base but has minimal concern of establishing a good strong community. Our children are to be bussed to which ever location will help suit the equal balance of affordable income vs low income and not taking in account the attributes of how to create a school of higher education for both low income and affordable income. By just equaling out the balance of low income to affordable income does not justify the means to enable the "pupils" of the school to achieve higher test score levels, there is much more needed.

Our concerns to have Swan Creek children attend Midvale/Lincoln are as follows:

- Increases the current income disparity compared to the Leopold attendance area.
- Increase in current minority level compared to the Leopold attendance area.
- Decrease in standardized test scores compared to Leopold.
- Length of bus ride increases dramatically especially for young children to over 45 minutes (a priority of the task force was to keep bus rides under 45 minutes).
- As a result of long bus rides a child's zest for school drops dramatically which has a dramatic affect on achievement.
- Safety issues with such a long bus ride.
- Child behavioral issues on the bus ride of that length.

- Creating an even longer day for young children.
- Further burdening the parents of Swan Creek and Lincoln/Midvale to get children to school if they miss the bus or busses are stuck in traffic.
- Neighborhood schools help a community grow, the Lincoln/Midvale proposal distances us even farther apart from being close to our children.
- Neighborhoods become proud of their neighborhood schools and work harder to develop a safer and stronger school and community, which the Lincoln/Midvale proposal places us a greater distance away with a hodgepodge of different locations throughout the city, just to help balance the ratio's.
- Parent involvement in the schools help bring neighborhoods together and greatly benefits the achievement of the students, but by not providing a favorable opportunity for parents to interact with the school; this important aspect will be missing with the Lincoln/Midvale proposal.
- Children also are not as enthusiastic to participate in after school activities because of the hardships they and their parents are put through with a proposal such as Lincoln/Midvale.
- The shift in schools also has a negative impact on property values, due to all of the above.

In the Lincoln/Midvale proposal, the best interest of the children, school/parent relationship and neighborhoods are unclear; needless to say, the targeted income and ethnic ratios aren't even met. We felt reassured that the Task Force listened to our concerns and noted our flexibility in our willingness to have our kids moved to Thoreau. We recognize the need for some children to be shifted to eliminate the overcrowding situation at Leopold and agree that changing boundaries that have students who currently are within walking distance does not make sense.

It is unfortunate that so many of the school communities outside of the Madison School district and the private schools within Madison are benefiting from higher growth and achievement. Many of us in Swan Creek hate to see so many of the next door neighbors going to private schools or moving away because income and mixed ethnic ratio's have to be met. The residents of Swan Creek want to build on our community and create symmetry.

In closing, we would like the Madison School Board to reconsider proposals to have our children of Swan Creek be educated at Thoreau vs. Midvale/Lincoln. Of course the proposal for the addition to Leopold and the attendance of Swan Creek children to Leopold still seems to be the most beneficial for higher academic achievement because of proximity and still benefit mixed income and ethnic ratios. It also substantially reduces busing costs and indirect costs. Please re-evaluate running the referendum to add on to the Leopold School. Fitchburg is rapidly growing, but has a fractured school community split between Verona, Oregon and Madison school districts. Now is the time to give Fitchburg children the attention they deserve.

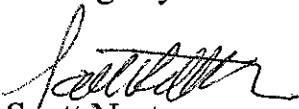
Sincerely,

The Property Owners and Residents of Swan Creek, Fitchburg

January 4, 2006

Dear Madison School Board of Education:

I am Scott Norton and I am the Alderman for District 4 in Fitchburg, part of my District includes the area know as Swan Creek where it is proposed to bus the children of this area to yet a different school in the Madison district to help with the over crowding at Leopold School. I do not support the change and I will support the residents of Swan Creek in there efforts to oppose the change. I thought it was a mistake to put that land into the Madison School district in the first place given that Madison was already faced with overcrowding at the time of the transfer. I would suggest this to Madison: if you are faced with overcrowding problems , instead of bussing kids all around the City, why not give up the land to another school district who has the room to absorb the kids of Swan Creek into there system and by doing that you will save the Madison tax payers millions of dollars in unneeded expansion of its schools! I think if you asked Madison residents if would they be willing to spend their tax dollars on expanding the schools as a result of Fitchburgs growth they would probably say no. I would really hope that you work with both Madison and Fitchburg residence as well as my self before making any decisions.



Scott Norton
Alder District 4

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David Sundrum	2797 Hollyhock St.
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Wayne + Tamara Hopwood	2785 Hollyhock St
Mark & Lisa Mark Carlson	2805 Hollyhock St
Darcy Naetel	2763 Hollyhock St, Fitchburg
Susan + Brian Sherman	2759 Hollyhock St. Fitchburg
Tom + Julia Nicholas	2755 Hollyhock St Fitchburg, WI
NANCY + ALBERT BARABAS	2751 HOLLYHOCK ST FITCHBURG WI
JOHN + LISA GITS (Gits)	2747 Hollyhock St. Fitchburg, WI
Ric + Nancy Brown (Brown)	5269 Stoneman Dr Fitchburg WI
Peter + Julie Schaback	5266 Stoneman Dr. Fitchburg WI
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Mary Abel	2794 Hollyhock St. Fitchburg WI
Randy + Diane Hays	2798 Hollyhock St. Fitchburg WI
Danielle Vande Vorde	2802 Hollyhock St Fitchburg WI
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Connie + Randy Smith (Connie Smith)	5275 Cattail Drive

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Jason Theobald	5236 Snapdragon Trl
Jeff Sam	524 Snapdragon Tr
Shayahan	5207 Snapdragon Trl.
Dinah Burch	2755 Crinkle Root Dr
VISA Zeka	5224 STONEMEN DR
Jay McWilder	2781 Hollyhock St
Phillip Pierce	2832 Crinkle Root Dr.
Jan Shipton	2834 Crinkle Root Dr.
Kelsey Jones	2836 Crinkle Root Dr.
Dorothy Stormer	12 Blue Iris Way
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Shay & Lyssa	44 Blue Iris Way
Judy Nelson	5201 Teaberry Lane
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Todd Ludgate	5232 STONEMAN DR FITCHBURG WI 53711
Laurie & Justin Wotter	5208 Stoneman Dr fitchburg WI 53711
Jeff & Starr Prochnow	5204 Snapdragon Dr Fitchburg WI 53711
Missy + Steven Missy + Steven	5228 Stoneman Drive Fitchburg WI 53711
Jessica Letz	5228 SNAPDRAGON TRL FITCHBURG WI 53711
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Tom + Tina Jones	5266 BLACKBERRY DRIVE Fitchburg WI 53711
Greg & Renee Hammond	5262 STONEMAN DR. FITCHBURG WI 53711
David Dittler	5252 Snapdragon Trail " " "
Tina + Jessie Mueberg	40 Northlight Way
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Betty Korth	10 CORNERSTONE WAY #1 FITCHBURG
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Allen Mills	5244 SNAPDRAGON TR.
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Rebecca & Tracy DeKouin	5219 Snapdragon Tr '11

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John Klipstine	2771 Sunflower Drive
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Kerena Shields	5226 Blazing Star
Alan S. Solin	5209 Blazing Star
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