

Alan Fredricksen

From: Stearns <sbryantjr@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Petition by Jennifer Staple Clark for the Slate Upper School
Attachments: LETTER TO North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission 2020.12.27.pdf

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,
Please see my letter to the North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission which is attached. The unformatted letter is also shown below.
Regards,
Stearns J. Bryant, Jr.

STEARNS J. BRYANT, JR.
30 BLUE HILLS ROAD
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

December 27, 2020
North Haven Planning and Zoning
c/o Alan Fredricksen
Fredricksen.Alan@northhaven-ct.gov

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Stearns J. Bryant, Jr.

cc: Tlee@FILLaw.com
Info@slateschool.org

Alan Fredricksen

From: Kelly Erbe <kelly.a.erbe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Jeffrey Erbe
Subject: In support of the Slate Upper School

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To the North Haven P&Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen,

My husband Jeff & I and our two boys are residents of Trumbull, CT. We are both in the healthcare professions as I am a Registered Nurse and he is a practicing Psychologist. We have one child in Kindergarten at Slate school this year and plan to enroll our second son as well when he is ready to enter Kindergarten. We are in full support of and very excited about the plans to develop 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven for a Slate Upper School. The curriculum at Slate School has more than impressed us as we have seen our oldest son take interest in so many things through their curiosity-driven and nature-based learning. Our son is excited to go to school everyday and brings home many project ideas and questions to ponder and work on at home. Slate school emphasizes the building of community and relationships, language, social and emotional development, the arts and outdoor experiences, with masterful integration that cultivates each child's desire to learn. We are in full support of Slate School's ambitious plans to develop an upper school, thereby providing access to more children with their wonderful offerings. Slate School's ambitious plans, and the community they are shaping are inspiring to say the least, especially in these trying times we find ourselves in.

Be well,
Kelly & Jeff Erbe, Trumbull, CT
Jasper (6) & Wes (3)

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Kelly Erbe, MSN, RN, IBCLC

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Alan Fredricksen

From: gabrielle marie <sellari.gabrielle@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 5, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate Upper School Letter of Support
Attachments: Slate School Upper School Support Letter.docx

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(document attached in letter form)

December 5, 2020
18 Abbey Lane
Shelton, CT 06484

Town of North Haven
Planning and Zoning Commission
c/o Alan Fredricksen
18 Church Street
North Haven, CT 06473

Alan Fredricksen,

I am writing this letter on behalf of an upcoming proposed project for an upper school associated with the existing Slate School in North Haven. I am a resident of Shelton, CT and my son is currently a first grade student at Slate.

Being a former educator and school administrator, I must admit that my educational philosophies have evolved quite a bit over the course of my career and parenthood. We feel extremely blessed to have found Slate School right here in CT. To be honest, had we not, I am not quite sure where my son would be today. Slate is an extraordinary and unique school which facilitates learning through a truly child centered, nature based approach. I can speak first hand as to how their philosophies align with appropriate developmental expectations. At Slate, students develop a love of learning and curiosity is encouraged. Children are not taught what to think but rather how to think which was critically important to us as a family. Slate pays attention to detail putting extra care into every aspect of the day.

Though my son is only in first grade, we have already begun discussions of what his future will look like beyond sixth grade. Once we heard about the plans for the upper school, we were overjoyed and relieved that there is a realistic prospect for his (and our younger son's) future. Slate values nature, community, and preservation of the environment. With their attention to detail both inside the walls of the campus and the open outdoor learning spaces, Slate is sure to add value to any project and community they touch. From the consideration of materials used to the research on minimizing their carbon footprint, Slate is truly impressive in every way.

We look forward to growing with the Slate community and watching our son's learning journey unfold. We wholeheartedly share in the enthusiasm and support for the Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road, North Haven.

Alan Fredricksen

From: Brett Pellegrino <bpellegrino@slateschool.org>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 7:09 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School -5100 Ridge Road

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Dear Alan Fredrickson,

I am writing to you in support of the forthcoming new Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. My family and I have lived in North Haven for many years. My father grew up in this town and serves as President of the North Haven Education Foundation. We are strong believers in education in my family and value all types of schooling, my father receiving a private school education while I chose to grow up in the public schools of North Haven along with my siblings.

Looking back at my education, it would have been incredible for there to be a place like Slate School that would foster my unique lens as a learner and worker. Although there was no where like Slate School for a full school day, I did have the integrated day program at Ridge Road elementary school as well as the magnet school, ECA in high school to nurture my love of the arts and project-based learning through the years. However, it would have been a great privilege to be at a school in my town that thrives on progressive education and yields ideas towards more fields of studies that were nonexistent at my own.

There should be choices for young minds growing up in this modern world we live in today. Having a town that offers a variety of schools that appeal to all types of families will only help build the community and strengthen its reputation as a place that values all of its citizens and provides them with the resources to be connected to our ever-growing and changing world.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Your care in this matter is very much appreciated by everyone who wishes to see the completion of this amazing school in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Brett Pellegrino
Grade 2/3 Associate Teacher
Slate School

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December 4, 2020

Dear Members of the North Haven Planning & Zoning Committee:

I am writing to you in enthusiastic support of Slate Upper School.

While my daughter is just in first grade, I had already begun to wonder about our plans for middle and high school. I knew that Slate School would provide her with a foundation to be successful in any program we considered, but I truly wanted her to flourish and not lose sight of the key fundamentals of her early education: the ability to wonder fearlessly and a true appreciation for the natural world around her. When I heard that Slate School had plans to open an Upper School, it was a relief unlike any other. I was thrilled!

My daughter has excelled at Slate. Every day, creativity and ingenuity continue to lead to amazing discoveries at home and at school. While her academic skills, particularly in reading and math, continue to grow at rates I would never have expected, her growing compassion and empathy are perhaps even more fulfilling to see. Slate School's Responsive Classroom approach is a key foundation of the program to build social and emotional competencies and it shows. Furthermore, the curiosity driven philosophy has given her a confidence to learn and make mistakes that is truly essential. These skills become even more important as students reach the upper grades, but all too often get lost in academic pressures. To know that Slate Upper School will be there to continue to foster this growth is incredibly reassuring.

The uniqueness of my daughter's educational experience is a direct result of the amazing staff that work at Slate School, as well as the campus and its buildings. When you drive up to Slate School, you experience a sense of peace and homecoming that can't help but make you want to wonder and learn.

The staff and students at Slate School have such a respect for the land and the space and I know that will translate to the Upper School as well. You could not ask for better stewards of the space at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. Additionally, the philosophy of Slate School fills a much needed educational void, and that void continues into the upper grades. Slate Upper School will truly be an asset to the community of North Haven and the educational community at large. I am overjoyed about Slate Upper School and cannot wait to see it become a reality!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Christianna Connery
Slate School Parent
Southington, CT Resident

Alan Fredricksen

From: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: FW: Slate Upper School

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Letter of support from Jen Warner

-----Original Message-----

From: Jen Warner <jwarner71213@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us
Cc: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>; Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Subject: Slate Upper School

Hello,

My daughter is in 2nd grade at Slate School, and we live in Wallingford. This is her first year at the school, and she's enjoying it tremendously.

The reason my husband and I started looking into a nature-based school was due to Covid. We also think it's more important for our daughter to enjoy learning, and not just sit at a desk passively learning by doing worksheets. At Slate School, their curiosity-driven learning style has really opened our daughter up to asking more questions. She's curious about the world around her, and we love that! We love that she spends most of the day outside learning in nature. Caring for our planet is very important to us, and our values are right in line with Slate School's.

We're so happy with our decision to enroll her at Slate School, and that's why moving forward with the Upper School is very important to us. We want her to continue this curiosity-driven learning all the way through the upper grade levels, and throughout her life!

Thank you for your time!

Best,
The Warner Family

Alan Fredricksen

From: Grace Kenney <gkenney@slateschool.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Letter in support of Slate Upper School, 5100 Ridge Road

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December 3, 2020

Dear North Haven Planning and Zoning Committee,

My name is Grace Kenney, and I am writing on behalf of the submission to your committee to use the property at 5100 Ridge Road for the purpose of a Slate Upper School. It is with both exhaustion and retrospective fondness that I look back upon the multiple P&Z meetings for Slate School in the North Haven Rec Department gymnasium in 2017. I was in awe of your patience during those long hours, and I hope for your sakes that the process runs much more smoothly this time.

Recalling that the room was repeatedly flooded with dozens of people, I'm sure you won't remember me. I grew up in North Haven, on Townline Road, and thrived on the education I received from the North Haven public schools. After graduating from Bates College in 2016, I worked as an environmental educator for a couple years before catching wind of a proposal to build a nature-based elementary school right down the street from where I grew up.

This project, Slate School, is now where I am fortunate enough to spend my days working dual roles as the school's Environmentalist and as an assistant teacher alongside truly incredible children and colleagues. Back then, though, it was the P&Z meetings themselves that helped me learn what the school dreamed to be. I attended with no knowledge that I would one day be hired to work with the founders of the school, but I felt compelled to support the possibility of any school with the educational and environmental ideals that I (and many wiser people before me) have aspired to. Not to mention that such a place was being proposed in my own hometown!

When given the opportunity to speak at the first public hearing, I shared how my previous experiences allowed me mere hours to spend meaningful time with children in outdoor educational settings. I could only imagine spending an entire school year exploring the wonders of the natural world with children and the positive impact it could have on their whole being, but I knew it should be possible for students somewhere, somehow. Little did I know that I would get to spend the next three years doing just that thanks to the approval of the committee to build Slate School at 124 Mansfield Rd. Watching the children grow and learn so beautifully in this setting, I can say with ever-increasing surety — it is time to imagine a space for continuing this type of education all the way through Grade 12 with a Slate Upper School.

One aspect of my role is that it has given me some small insight into the expertise and diligence with which the property at Slate School is cared for, from the initial design work dedicated to low-impact usage of the site to the ongoing stewardship of the property by students and faculty. By approving the usage of 5100 Ridge Road for a Slate Upper School, you would ensure that it is constructed and

cared for with the same dedication and mindfulness of the surrounding community, and for the purpose of a truly remarkable educational experience for all learners who step foot onto its campus.

Thank you for your time to consider this proposal, and all the work you do in service of the town.

Very sincerely,
Grace Kenney

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Thomas Nelson & Rachel Cooper
53 Michael Road
Hamden, CT 06514

Alan Fredricksen
North Haven P&Z
18 Church Street
North Haven, CT 06473

Dear Mr. Fredricksen:

We are writing to you today in very strong support of the proposed Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. We are residents of the nearby community of Hamden, and our 5-year-old son currently attends kindergarten at Slate School at 124 Mansfield Road in North Haven.

When looking at the available education options for our son to attend kindergarten, we pursued Slate School due to their unique curiosity-driven and nature-based learning philosophy and availability to any family regardless of income. This aligned very well with our own personal philosophies, and we have been exceptionally pleased by the amount and speed of personal and academic growth we have seen in our son.

We are excited about the potential for an Upper School to be available for our son, the residents of North Haven, and residents of other surrounding communities. Based on our knowledge there are no other schools in North Haven or the surrounding areas providing an education using this great system, putting North Haven at the forefront of advancing middle and high school education methods and showing other communities how successful schools such as Slate are. Allowing the Slate Upper School to move forward and become a reality will be an excellent decision for the Town of North Haven and its residents.

Thank you for your consideration!

Your Neighbors,



Thomas Nelson



Rachel Cooper

Seth & Reanna Poston
62 Chestnut Tree Hill Road Extension
Oxford, CT 06478

December 3, 2020

Mr. Fredricksen,

We are writing in ardent support of the development at 5100 Ridge Road, North Haven as the Upper School Facility for Slate School. As parents of a current Slate School kindergartener, we cannot begin to tell you the positive impact that this educational approach has had on our Daughter. Fairly early on, we knew that our daughter would benefit from a curiosity-driven, and nature-based learning environment. Our search led us to Slate School and we could not be more please with our decision to place our child there. In the short time that we have been a part of the Slate School family, we have watched our daughter develop and blossom in ways we could have only imagined. We have found that our daughter, at 5 years old, has begun to view the world in deep and meaningful ways. Her care for others and all that surrounds her has truly been honed by the Core Values taught and explored every day.

Being residents of Oxford, some challenged our decision to go out of the area for education, but I can assure you that we would make the decision again and again given the opportunity. Slate School and its Staff has far exceeded any expectations we may have had. We are advocates for this style of learning to become widespread and were elated to hear that Slate would be pursuing an Upper School, easing our hearts and minds about the entirety of our child's Primary and Secondary Education. We know that as our daughter continues her education, through 12th Grade at Slate, that she will truly become a powerful force along with her cohorts. This type of learning environment, through the Secondary level, is a necessity for children such as our daughter and so many others.

We believe that Slate School will be instrumental in releasing the type of people that our world is desperately in need of. Those who understand how to think, process, filter the world, love, and dream through the unique lens that they were created with.

Thank you for your consideration and support for the continued development of our children and those yet to benefit from an environment such as Slate.

Sincerely,

Seth & Reanna Poston

Alan Fredricksen

From: Erika Young <e.lindwall@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:02 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Slate School; TLee@FILLaw.co
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School

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Dear North Haven P & Z,

My name is Erika Young, and I am a resident of Meriden, CT. I am writing to express my strong support of Slate Upper School's use of 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven.

My daughter, Ava, attended kindergarten at Slate. She currently attends first grade at Slate. And it is my sincere hope that she can one day attend, and graduate from, Slate's Upper School.

As a parent, granting my child access to curiosity-driven, nature-based learning opportunities is of utmost importance. As I see every day in my child, Slate is helping to guide children to become joyful, lifelong learners with the ability and desire to care for their communities in imaginative ways. Now more than ever, the world needs the type of creatively engaged stewardship that Slate is uniquely positioned to help foster.

Thank you for your consideration,
Erika

Erika Young
58 Leonard Street
Unit 102
Meriden, CT 06451
860.214.2261

Alan Fredricksen

From: Katy Kessler <katy.kessler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:13 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Letter in Support of Slate Upper School

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the building of Slate School's Upper School in North Haven. I am a member of Slate School's faculty, a parent of a Slate School student, and a Hamden neighbor.

I have worked in schools in some capacity since the age of 15. I received my Masters in Education from Bank Street College of Education, the leader in teaching progressive educators. I have been a teacher in private and public settings for more than a decade and have collaborated with teachers from diverse environments throughout. I have never experienced a school -as a teacher or as a parent – that is so attuned to the real needs and development of children. The school is at the forefront of a long-growing movement in education to teach in innovative, integrated, and developmentally-appropriate ways. We are able to teach the way children want to learn, and their growth in this setting is undeniable.

I have seen my own child flourish. He loves school and he loves to learn. He is curious, persistent, creative, and collaborative. He is learning the habits of mind that will help him to navigate and to love life. He learns academic and social skills in a setting that lets him study what he is interested in, forges his relationship with the natural world, recognizes the well-established importance of play in childhood, and sees him as a unique and valuable individual.

My son, and every child, need the opportunity to continue in such a setting as they leave elementary school. Slate School's Upper School will guide children to follow their passions, learn in meaningful and integrated ways, puzzle through real-world problems, and ready them to be innovative and collaborative citizens.

There is no option for middle and high school students that is equivalent to Slate Upper School. There are countless families who want their children to experience the joy of learning throughout middle and high school – a joy that comes from studying what matters to them and to the world, from learning in integrated ways rather than learning skills in isolation without a sense of their

December 3, 2020

North Haven P & Z
% Alan Fredricksen

Via email: fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us

Dear Mr. Fredricksen:

We are writing in passionate support of the proposed Slate Upper School's use at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven.

As current residents of East Haven, we drive to your town daily so that our two boys can attend Slate School. As parents and educators ourselves, we make this choice because of the unmatched opportunities and learning environment that Slate School provides our children. Slate School gives our boys a place to develop their curiosity, spend time learning from and appreciating nature, and be researchers, problem-solvers, and collaborators. In the last year and a half, we have watched our boys mastering foundational academic skills while pursuing their interests with joyous enthusiasm and increasing depth.

We believe that Slate School is unique amongst schools in Connecticut, and we would say, across the country. Slate School shares knowledge freely via lectures, webinars, and workshops to educators, community members, and the public at large. Slate School thoughtfully takes the best of various pedagogical ideas to create an integrated and unique curriculum. We have no doubt that the school will be recognized nationally as an example of cutting edge education.

The Slate Upper School would provide families in North Haven and throughout Connecticut an unparalleled academic experience. We are excited at the possibility of giving our boys a seamless Slate School education from K - 12. We hope that the Planning and Zoning Commission will approve the project wholeheartedly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Prema Vora and Dinesh Perera
66-4 Cosey Beach Avenue
East Haven, CT 06512

cc: TLee@FILLaw.com (Tim Lee) and info@slateschool.org

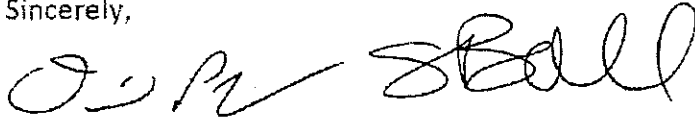
December 3, 2020

Dear North Haven Planning & Zoning Commission,

We are residents of Easton, and our daughter just began Kindergarten at Slate this Fall. We strongly support Slate Upper School's use at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. We drive a one hour round trip, twice a day so that our daughter can attend this amazing school. Slate School provides nature-based, curiosity driven learning that is one of a kind.

With the announcement of Slate Upper School, we are now looking to buy a house for our family in North Haven in the near future. We hope that the plans are approved so that our children can continue to receive an exceptional education for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Pflug and Stephanie Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Pflug and Stephanie Ball
25 Palmer Place
Easton, CT 06612

December 3, 2020

Dear Planning and Zoning Committee of North Haven,

Please accept this letter as our sincere and enthusiastic support of the Slate Upper School's use at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. My husband, Arber Kuka, and I, Sherry Kuka, are parents of Donika Kuka, a Kindergarten student at Slate School. We are residents of Derby, CT, and are beyond grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of the Slate School community.



As a parent and as someone who continues to be involved in academia, I had been wary of the current state of Common Core education in America, which seems to gradually extinguish a child's natural curiosity about their environment and replace it with static and lackluster lessons. Arber and I strived to find a school with a curriculum that would foster a child's creativity and ingenuity and inspire them to find passion in each subject from mathematics to the arts. We were unsure whether such a school exists in Connecticut, but if it did, we were sure that we would not be able to afford its tuition.

We discovered Slate School the summer before it welcomed its first cohort, which was about three years before our daughter became eligible to apply. Slate School's values and mission of child-centered, curiosity-driven, and nature-based learning is an exemplar of education that we hope will be modeled by all other schools. Additionally, its need-blind admissions and income-based tuition makes it a school deserving recognition nationwide. The only worry we had as we submitted our daughter's application was whether we would be able to transition her education to a school with similar values once she completed her final year at Slate. When we learned about plans for a possible Slate Upper School in North Haven, we were thrilled.

The impact that Slate School and Slate Upper School will have goes beyond the effects it has already had in our own child. I am certain that its impact extends to the landscape of education itself starting with the local community and extending beyond. We hope to see the realization of the school's plans at 5100 Ridge Rd and the effects Slate will have in the community and elsewhere in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Sherry and Arber Kuka

Alan Fredricksen

From: afisser@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:04 PM
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Subject: Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

We are writing you and the Planning and Zoning Commission in strong support of the application of the Slate Upper School.

We are long-time residents, living on Kings Highway near the existing lower school and the proposed upper school. The lower school has been an excellent neighbor. Its construction and functioning over the past few years have completely belied some of the initial concerns expressed, offering hard evidence to the Commission of both outstanding school management and the organization's commitment to the highest standards in all it does.

The mission of the proposed Slate Upper School expands on the visionary mission expressed for the lower school. It is one that has gained state, regional, and national attention, bringing with it attention to North Haven and the level of quality of this town. While North Haven now has Amazon with its thousands of products, we can think of no more valuable product than quality education for our children. Realtors always mention, and potential residents always inquire as to the quality of education in a town. The proposed Slate Upper School will build even more on what exists.

A final note on the subject always important to the Planning and Zoning Commission, increased traffic. The lower school has demonstrated none for us. The location of the new, proposed upper school will be even better for traffic as there are multiple directions and roads for individuals to take, diluting the effect of the twice a day movement.

In sum, we urge approval.

Respectfully,

Anthony and Esther Fisser
150 Kings Highway
North Haven

Alan Fredricksen

From: Marra, Stephen L RTX <stephen.marra@rtx.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Gina Marra (23smiley@gmail.com); TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School - 5100 Ridge Road

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Mr. Fredricksen and members of the P&Z Board,

We live at 380 Mansfield Road and we are very supportive of the Slate Upper School's proposed use of 5100 Ridge Road. The existing Slate school has been a great addition to the neighborhood; it's an asset for the community and we're excited about the prospect of a similar addition at 5100 Ridge Road.

Thank you,
-Gina & Stephen Marra

Stephen L. Marra | Raytheon Technologies

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Alan Fredricksen

From: abranjsmith@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: 'Slate School'; TLee@FILLaw.com
Subject: P&Z Town Approval for Construction of Slate Upper School
Attachments: North Haven PZ - Slate Upper School.pdf

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Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Abran Smith, and I am the parent of a child who attends Slate School in North Haven, CT. Please accept the attached letter expressing our strong support for Slate School's plans to begin construction of an Upper School on land located at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven, CT.

Please feel free to reach me directly if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Abran

Abran Smith
917.548.6578
abranjsmith@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

We are residents of North Haven, CT and were beyond elated when our 5-year-old daughter got accepted into Slate School. She started her Kindergarten year this fall and we have noticed immense joy and excitement along with her expressing a love for learning, her friends, her teachers and her school. We feel the same way, filled with such gratitude and couldn't imagine being anywhere else.

We were drawn to Slate School even prior to the official opening due to many reasons. One reason being that the values of the school of being nature based means acres of nature providing endless educational explorations for the children. Also, Slate is all about being healthy and environmentally friendly which is so crucial for our children to learn about and critical for our environment. Last but not least, Slate's desire to cultivate creative thinkers and life long learners allows for the children's curiosities to be explored. We were also drawn because the selection of personnel has been impeccable. The whole Slate community brings such wonderful and positive energy that truly radiates once you enter the school grounds.

We often wondered what would happen when our daughter completed Slate School at grade 6. We were so surprised & enthused when news was shared that Slate Upper School was going to be built. Everyone jumped for joy. It was as if all of our dreams had truly come true to have another school based on the same missions and values. It has only been three months of school for our daughter and being immersed with the Slate School's culture thus far has been profound. Then to know we will have this through 12th grade is just beyond words.

The plans to have Slate Upper School will be valuable to the lucky students that get to go there and would create a profound impact to the Slate community along with the town's community. We hope that this type of model will inspire other towns and states, as Slate would definitely be the innovative pioneer to showcase this. There is just so much to learn from this type of school from the educational aspect to the purposeful and conscious designing, planning, and building aspect to create such an innovative school as Slate School. We are thrilled and 110% supportive for this journey! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bok
Marcus Satavu

Alan Fredricksen

From: Jackie Fitzgerald <jackiefitzgerald3@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLAW.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School Use of 5100 Ridge Road

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December 2, 2020

North Haven Planning & Zoning
C/O Alan Fredricksen

Re: Slate Upper School use of 5100 Ridge Road

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I have been a North Haven resident for the past 19 years and I am writing to show my support for the Slate Upper School's use of 5100 Ridge Road here in North Haven.

I first came to know about Slate School from my friend Julie Mountcastle who is the head teacher there and was very instrumental in the planning and development of the Lower School along with its co-founders Jennifer Staple Clark and Alexander Clark. They set out to build a healthy and environmentally friendly school whose mission was to inspire a deep passion for lifelong learning and discovery in all the children who attend. Having had the opportunity to work there since September 2020 as a part-time consultant I have observed first hand that the Slate School has achieved its goal and exceeded all expectations. I have no doubt that Julie, Jennifer and Alexander will build an Upper School with the same care and consideration for the North Haven Community and their students.

Therefore, I write to enthusiastically support the Slate Upper School's use of 5100 Ridge Road. It will be another wonderful addition to our town and offer our residents an additional educational choice they deserve.

Very truly yours,

Jacqueline M. Fitzgerald
34 River Road
North Haven, CT 06473

Alan Fredricksen

From: Emily Lutin Fuentes <ehlutin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: In support of the Slate Upper School

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Dear Alan,

I am writing in support of the Slate Upper School. The leadership and level of care that director Jennifer Staple Clark and head of school Julie Mountcastle take in absolutely everything they do should ensure you that their plans will be brought to fruition with the utmost consideration. I have had the pleasure of working with them both, and can say from experience, they are mindful, aware and open to help every step of the way. As a parent myself who hopes to send my children to Slate School, I give my whole hearted support and recommendation that their plans to expand be recognized and accepted with excitement. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Emily Lutin Fuentes
North Haven Resident

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www.themovementality.com

December 2, 2020

Mr. Alan Fredricksen
North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission
18 Church St. North Haven, CT

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Andrea Nezat and I am a resident of the nearby town Hamden. I have a son that attends the third grade at Slate School, 124 Mansfield Road North Haven. Our experience with Slate School has been nothing short of wonderful and our expectations have been consistently exceeded for a socially conscientious, environmentally aware, and educationally wise program for our son. I am wholeheartedly enthusiastic and in complete support of Slate School creating the Slate Upper School at the location of 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven.

As you may know Slate School is one of the most environmentally friendly schools in the country. Slate School's 24-acre Mansfield Road campus is designed to maintain healthy habitats for native plants, insects, and animals as well as fitting in beautifully to its North Haven neighborhood where the school resides.

When we moved to Connecticut 7 years ago from Louisiana we wanted to find a school that supported our family's belief in stewardship of the land and our interest in curiosity-driven, nature-based learning. At Slate School the students and faculty have the utmost respect for nature and their natural surroundings as well as a project based learning curriculum. This learning style fosters an inquisitive child that takes their stewardship of the land and learning very seriously. This program has encouraged the growth of gentle souls who are kind, self-motivated and bursting with creativity and curiosity. Slate School achieves this by focusing on building a well-rounded child teaching social and emotional education as well as academics every day. Slate School's 3 central tenets:

Alan Fredricksen

From: Evgeniya Fedotova <ofeliya13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Letter in support of Slate Upper School construction

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Evgeniya Fedotova and I am writing this email in support of construction of Slate Upper School. I have two children. One is in Grade 2 at Slate School, and another one is expected to start Slate School next year. As we currently live in Woodbridge, we have been commuting daily for the past three academic years to Slate School. We are very excited that Slate School is planning to open an upper school! My husband and I have made the decision to move to North Haven. Currently, we are looking to purchase a house in North Haven. We believe that Slate School would play an important role in straightening North Haven's community, and we would like to be a part of this community and this process. Slate School not only provides excellent education to our children, but also creates a great platform that can be used to facilitate discussions on a broad spectrum of topics from curiosity-driven education to sustainability and current environmental issues. Slate School is so much more than just a school. I believe it will greatly contribute to the North Haven's community in many different ways.

Thank you for your consideration,
Evgeniya Fedotova
203-449-4920

Alan Fredricksen

From: Bob Labanara <boblabanara@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; Julie Mountcastle; Timothy Lee
Subject: I Support Slate School

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Alan -

I hope this message finds you staying safe! As a lifelong resident of the Town of North Haven, I am pleased to submit my full support of Slate School and their endeavor to offer area students an Upper School opportunity. This past year has proven the tremendous value in a community's ability to provide different educational outlets that can best suit individual's needs during each learning stage. The Upper School proposal is a well -thought out and logical progression of the achievements Slate School has fostered in Town.

Think back to this time 3 years ago in the Rec. gym - and the frivolous claims that some opponents of Slate School purported such as traffic congestion and overall disruption to the Blue Hills neighborhood. We knew then that those claims were false, and that Slate School would prove itself to be a remarkable neighbor. It has done so, and more and has emerged as one of North Haven's greatest assets.

The proposal to create an Upper School is reasonable and will complement surrounding settings, while enhancing the value of the area. I strongly encourage the Committee to continue their support for Slate School as a key component to what makes our hometown a great place to live and raise our children.

Regards,
Bob & Nancy Labanara
130 Millbrook Road
North Haven, CT

Alan Fredricksen

From: Chris & Tracy Hayes <chris.tracy.hayes@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate School Approval: Personal Message from Current Slate Parents

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Dear Alan and North Haven Planning & Zoning,

We are Chris and Tracy Hayes, parents of four young children, two of whom are in Grades 3 and 1 attending the amazing Slate School. Another starts Kindergarten next year and our youngest will start two years after that while our eldest gets ready to move on to the much anticipated Upper School!

We live in Cromwell and have been commuting daily for the past three academic years to North Haven and now that Slate School is committed to the Upper School and knowing our children will be at Slate School for years to come we are actively looking to move to North Haven!

We've grown fond of North Haven's friendly residents, the well-kept parks for our children to play, your safe neighborhoods, the proximity to larger cities, the Parkway, and hiking trails, all while boasting greenery, large yards, trees, and well, it's just a downright pretty town with nice people!

Our children have thrived with Slate School's child-centered, curiosity-driven approach to education and we are thrilled to hear of their upcoming addition of the Upper School. The Slate School community of parents and families are some of the kindest, most warm, and welcoming bunch of people we've met and we are all committed, along with Slate's faculty, to enriching our children's lives centered on kindness, supporting others, respecting the environment, and discovering gratitude in all that exists.

Thank you for taking the time to hear of our incredible experience attending Slate School - we are crossing our fingers the perfect home (or land) presents itself to us soon because we are eagerly looking forward to raising our family and bringing our small business to the Town of North Haven!

Approving Slate School's Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road will not only enhance the lives of many children (including my own) for years to come, but is also an incredible addition to your already amazing town!

Have a wonderful day!

Best,

kindness, integrity, and respect that all members of the Slate School community adopt and practice.

I am so grateful for Jennifer and Alexander Clark for daring to bring to life such an inspired and well-conceived program for children. It is truly a labor of love. My son has grown and developed in wonderful ways since being part of Slate school's community 3 years ago. He actually loves being at school. He'd love to stay hours longer and play in the Piney Woods or read about wooly bear caterpillars in sunny spot, make goals for his upcoming project or measure the size of the campus in a team effort. How many kids want to actually stay at school later than they are required to? It is a testament to the nurturing and joyful environment that Slate School fosters.

I am deeply grateful for this experience that will go forward with my son and all of the wonderful children at Slate School for the rest of their lives. I am extremely excited for our son to continue on and attend the upper school. I speak for all of us parents when I say that this is an extraordinary school that is so needed, and not just as a grammar school but as a school that will carry them through all of their formative academic years. This school is not just important for our children but for our society as it creates a ripple effect that will one day change the way children learn. I am truly grateful to Slate School for continuing their dedication to the children by creating an Upper School that will give our children a strong place to become the amazing souls they are here to be.

Thank you North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission for approving this project and making our children's dreams come true.

Best wishes,

Andrea Nezat
504-256-9424

Leslie Carney

From: Alan Fredricksen
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Leslie Carney
Subject: Fwd: Support for Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road

Leslie,

Please print this letter for the P&Z Commission.

Thanks,

Alan

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nowosadko, Jane" <jane.nowosadko@yale.edu>
Date: December 1, 2020 at 3:34:46 PM EST
To: Alan Fredricksen <Fredricksen.Alan@northhaven-ct.gov>
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com, info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am a resident of the town of North Haven and I'm writing to share my support and enthusiasm for the Slate Upper School proposal for 5100 Ridge Road. I hope the community will embrace this project and meaningful opportunity. The Slate School at 124 Mansfield brings careful and thoughtful approaches to education, the environment, and public health while recognizing the importance of our community within that framework, and the Slate Upper School will no doubt bring those same values to our community. Jennifer Staple Clark's vision for these projects has been extraordinary. I support this venture wholeheartedly!

Sincerely,

Jane Nowosadko
North Haven CT

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Leslie Carney

From: Alan Fredricksen
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Leslie Carney
Subject: Fwd: Support for 5100 Ridge Road

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Leslie,

Can you print this for the P&Z Commission?

Thanks,

Alan

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From: CT Green Property • Shawn Mohovich <sm@ctgreenproperty.com>
Date: November 30, 2020 at 4:58:20 PM EST
To: Alan Fredricksen <Fredricksen.Alan@northhaven-ct.gov>
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: Support for 5100 Ridge Road

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Dear Mr. Fredericksen,

My name is Shawn Mohovich, I am an architect and reside on 1825 Ridge road, I wrote you 3 years ago in support of the Slate school at 124 Mansfield Street. I want to thank you for approving that application back then and let you know that my 2 young children are both enrolled and prospering at the school. I have recently been made aware of plans for a Slate upper school @ 5100 Ridge road and would once again like to convey my support for the project. I feel very fortunate that my family will be able to continue to raise and educate our children at this wonderful school that Jennifer and Alexander Staple-Clark have been dedicated on creating.

Please add my name to the others that wholeheartedly support this project and are vested in seeing North Haven grow & prosper.

Alan Fredricksen

From: Donna Mae Cangiano <dmccpa@snet.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen:

We are 30+ year residents of North Haven and live in the Slate School neighborhood. Ben and I are in total support of the Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. The existing Slate School has enhanced the beauty of our neighborhood and I enjoy driving by this amazing property on a daily basis.

We had an opportunity to tour the school during the first year. We left the school so excited about the learning and opportunities available for the students at Slate School. We certainly would have been in line to enroll our son had it been available when he went to school.

Now the growth for the Upper School is exciting and the plans look even more amazing than the Lower Slate School. The Upper School will bring opportunities for the future of our youth and cultural enrichment to our community.

We are neighbors and residents highly supportive of the proposed Slate Upper School and ask that you approve the plans for Slate Upper School.

Regards,

Donna Mae Cangiano
Ben Cangiano

2 Lancelot Dr
North Haven, CT 06473
203-494-7086

Alan Fredricksen

From: Stephen J. Fitzgerald <SFitzgerald@garrisonlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School -- Upper School Plans; North Haven P&Z

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Alan: I am a twenty-year resident of North Haven, a long-time member of the Town's Open Space Advisory Board and an enthusiastic supporter of the Slate School. I write now in support of the Slate School's plans for establishing an Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. Through a close personal relationship with Julie Mountcastle I've had the opportunity to learn about the impressive educational mission of the Slate School. And, I have seen the execution of that mission at the unique Lower School campus on Mansfield Road. As I am sure you will agree, Julie, Jennifer Staple Clark and the other professionals at the Slate School have created a wonderful learning environment that meets the needs of its students while leaving only a modest footprint on the land it occupies. Wetlands, fields, pond and forest have all been preserved in a manner that benefits not only the students but also the flora and animals that continue to thrive there. It is a beautiful place to learn and an important addition to the educational offerings available in our town. I believe that even those who expressed reservations about the impact of the Lower School have now seen that their fears were not justified. In fact, I would venture to say that many of the Lower School's former detractors now recognize that the school has enhanced their neighborhood.

Because Ms. Staple Clark and Ms. Mountcastle are planning to bring the same mission and expertise to the development of the Upper School at 5100 Ridge, I am confident they will manage the Ridge Road property in a manner that will once again balance the needs of the students with a desire for a light footprint and conservation of habitat. I have no doubt they will again succeed in meeting those goals. I think a unique Upper School campus tucked into the corner of Sleeping Giant and the east side of Quinnipiac's campus makes sense for the Town and the Upper Ridge Road neighborhood.

Finally, I would like to be clear that I am submitting this email as a private individual, not in my capacity as Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Steve Fitzgerald
34 River Road



*Advocates for
Employee and
Civil Rights*

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Bassett, Richard A. <bassettr3@southernct.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for the Slate School Upper School

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Alan & Tim,

I enthusiastically support the proposed Slate School Upper School for grades 7 - 12 at 5100 Ridge Rd in North Haven.

It is my opinion, which is based on numerous interactions with the Slate School and their outstanding leadership, that the Clark's have more than delivered on their promises for the Slate School on Mansfield Road, and our community would benefit greatly by allowing them the opportunity to develop this Upper School.

They bring tremendous expertise to this venture and the proper resources needed to implement a project of this complexity and scale, and they have a proven track record in doing so.

Bassett is an old family name in North Haven with a very long history, but the Clark's are paving an exciting pathway for the future of North Haven and are well invested in our community. They are kind, smart neighbors who are giving back the most precious gift of all; a quality education.

Rick

Dr. Richard "Rick" Bassett

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Donna R. Levine <sdsij@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School

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TO: North Haven Planning and Zoning Board
c/o Alan Fredericksen

Dear Mr. Fredericksen,

As a long-time supporter of Slate School and a North Haven resident living and working nearby, I was pleased to hear that there are plans to open an Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. The Slate School has been a good neighbor and an awesome addition to our town.

Although I no longer have school age children, having raised mine in New Haven, I always appreciated the options offered by the nearby private schools which we were able to avail ourselves of from time to time when the public schools did not provide a good "fit". Having a small upper school will be particularly advantageous to those who do not thrive in a large public middle or high school, and the Slate School's policy of financial aid based on ability to pay is particularly helpful in our very economically diverse town.

I urge you to approve their proposal so that they can move forward with their planning.

Very truly yours,

Attorney Donna R. Levine
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Alan Fredricksen

From: cbluzzi@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 7:31 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road Plans

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Dear Mr. Fredericksen:

We are writing to express our strong support for the Slate Upper School plans for 5100 Ridge Road. We've been so impressed and pleased with the remarkable work the Clarkes have done with the Slate School on Mansfield Road and are thrilled to see they've once again chosen North Haven to continue and expand their mission of providing a unique educational opportunity to area children. As residents of North Haven (105 Kings Highway), we feel this school will enhance not only the Blue Hills neighborhood but the entire town.

The actual school structures for the Ridge Road property are not only aesthetically pleasing but, like the Mansfield Road school, are considerate of the surrounding environment. The design and purpose of this project displays respect for the Town of North Haven and we hope to see it become part of our neighborhood and town. We strongly urge the P&Z to approve this proposal for the Slate Upper School.

Respectfully,

Charlotte & Joe Luzzi
105 Kings Highway
North Haven

November 25, 2020

Town of North Haven
Planning and Zoning Commission

Care of:

Alan Fredricksen - Land Use Administrator
Land Use Office
5 Linsley Street
North Haven, CT 06473

Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission:

I am pleased to extend my support of the Slate Upper School, which is to be situated ~~at 500~~ Ridge Road upon your approval.

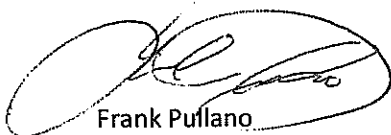
The proposed location of the Upper School is just a short distance from my home on Mount Carmel Avenue. I feel the addition of this new academic establishment will serve to enhance the neighborhood and strengthen the academic offerings available in North Haven.

The continued growth of North Haven is especially important to my wife Maureen and I. Our families have resided in Town since the 1940's, and my grandchildren will continue to carry on that tradition in the years to come. We have also operated our business in Town since 1997, choosing to relocate our main office from another municipality in favor of North Haven.

My wife and I were enthusiastic supporters of Slate School when it stood before the Commission three years ago, and our support remains equally strong for the Upper School location. The original school on Mansfield Road has proven to be a good neighbor, and there have been no negative effects to the surrounding community that I am aware of.

I firmly believe that the current venture at Ridge Road would produce the same outcome, and I am hopeful that the Commission will act in favor of this application.

Sincerely,



Frank Puffano

Alan Fredricksen

From: Frank Pullano <fpullano@bantonstrucation.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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Mr. Fredricksen:

I am writing in support of Slate Schools newest endeavor – the proposed Upper School to be located at 5100 Ridge Road.

My wife and I were born and raised in North Haven. I have lived 61 of my 66 years in Town. We have raised our four children here, and my grandchildren will now carry on the tradition. My family has been in Town since the late 1940s. We love North Haven and have no plans of ever leaving.

I currently live just a short distance from the proposed school on Mount Carmel Avenue.

I enthusiastically supported the Clark's first effort for Slate School on Mansfield Road. I fully believed, at the time, that this was a good project for the Town and the neighborhood. It is my understanding that this proved to be true. The school operates without any disruption or issue within the neighborhood.

I firmly believe the current venture at Ridge Road would prove to have the same outcome. A good project, a worthy cause and a plus for the community.

Please feel free to email respond with any questions or for further comment.

Regards,

Frank

Frank Pullano

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Scaranuzzo, Erik C - NEW HAVEN CT <erik_scaranuzzo@ml.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School Plans to P&Z on December 7th

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Hi Alan,

I hope all is well. As you know, I am a resident of North Haven and live at 2350 Ridge Road. I am writing to show my support for the State School's proposed plans for 5100 Ridge Road. I fully support the proposed plans and I believe that this will enhance the value and character of our Town and the area I live in. The Clark's have done a great job at beautifying the Town as they continue to develop the community with these wonderful additions. Please call or email me with any questions. Thank you.

Erik Scaranuzzo
2350 Ridge Road
North haven, CT

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