

Alan Fredricksen

From: Kathleen M. Mountcastle <kathleen.mountcastl@salve.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 5:37 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; TLee@FILLaw.com
Subject: Letter of Support of Slate School

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January 28, 2021

Dear North Haven Planning & Zoning Board,

I'm currently a College Sophomore at Salve Regina University in Newport. However, my family home and the town where I grew up is still North Haven, CT. As a resident of this town and as a 2019 Graduate of North Haven High School I understand firsthand, the educational experience in North Haven, and I believe in the promise of a great education that's available for all future students in our town. Within this strong personal belief, I value the benefit of varied educational options for North Haven Families. Every day at Slate School in North Haven CT, a unique and inspiring learning experience is discovered by young students in the K-6 school on Mansfield Road. I honestly think this kind of progressive education taking root in our town will inspire educators throughout North Haven, across the state and maybe even throughout our country to new levels of excellence in student centered education.

It's an exciting time to think about education available for students here in North Haven. I've heard that Slate School is proposing to build an upper school in North Haven as well, and I am so excited for this to happen. It will be great for students; great for our town and great for anyone who values the future of first-class education options in our hometown.

I am a resident citizen of North Haven CT, and I'd like to officially state my support for the proposal to build Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven, CT.

Thank you.

Kathleen Mountcastle
109 Ridgewood Ave.
North Haven, CT 06473

5061 Ridge Road
North Haven, CT 06473

January 18, 2021

Mr. Alan Fredricksen.
Land Use Administrator
5 Linsey Street
North Haven, CT 06473

RE: Application 120-06, Slate School at 5100 Ridge Rd

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am writing to oppose the proposed project for 5100 Ridge Rd. Aside from the fact that I live directly across the street, I am at a loss why anyone would think this site is suitable. The scale of the project is so overwhelming for the site that the road needs reconstruction and an unproven septic system to handle the needs of 120 staff and student complex. Unless you blast out the hill and totally level the road at their main entrance there's no way it will be deemed safe. The total disregard for the abutting wetlands is a footnote to these applicants. They claim they are concerned about the environment yet they conveniently didn't inform Hamden of their project which abutts their wetlands. It wasn't until one of the neighbor's informed that town of the project that they became aware and pointed out their 100 foot buffer zone. This is an inconvenience to the applicants.

No one has considered the traffic issues on Mt. Carmel only Ridge Rd. This isn't just about Ridge Rd. I have lived in North Haven for 25 years, 20 of which has been at my current address. I have first hand witnessed the changes to the area. I understand that reports have been manipulated to appear that there is no problem with traffic. This is a fallacy. Laughable when you consider that the report was done when Quinnipiac wasn't in session.

The responsibility of the town is to consider the interests of ALL the residents of North Haven not just the special interests of a very few. This isn't about dotting the "i's" and crossing the "t's". Just because they file the appropriate forms and pass the tests should not automatically give you a pass to disrupt a neighborhood. This is about preserving quality of life and the character of this part of town. We're not talking about a public school here that serves the needs of the majority of hard working residents. It's private, it's elite and it's putting a square peg in a round hole.

I hope the Planning and Zoning will do the right thing by denying this application.

Sincerely,
Johanne Mangi

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johanne Mangi', is written over the typed name and extends across the bottom of the page.

Alan Fredricksen

From: Lambert, Sarah <Sarah.Lambert@fnf.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate Upper School - Who is Blue Hills association?

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Dear Mr. Fredrickson and the Town of North Haven Wetlands and P&Z Commissions,

It has come to our attention that a small group of individuals from the Blue Hills neighborhood have made the representation that they speak for the entire neighborhood through their small and relatively unknown association. Please allow me to be clear that although we reside in the Blue Hills community we have never been contacted about any association meeting, have never been offered an opportunity to voice an opinion to this group nor be represented by them, have never been notified of any meeting open to the Blue Hills community in which they might gather our views on the Slate School or any matter effecting public sentiment. This "association" is apparently a small group of individuals formed to represent their own self-interests and biased opinions, but do not speak for the community. I have no doubt that a Blue Hills association is as much of a mystery to others as it is to us. We encourage you to remain open-minded and follow the path of open and honest communication throughout the process of approving the Slate Upper School.

Thank you for your consideration, and best regards,

Sarah Lambert
2271 Upper Ridge Road
North Haven
203-494-0944

Sarah Lambert

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Wendy Ostroff <ostroff@sonoma.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 12:00 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: In Support of Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am writing this letter in strong support of the proposed Slate Upper School in North Haven, CA. I am a cognitive and developmental and cognitive scientist and have spent the last 20 years researching learning in training future teachers as a professor in the innovative *Hutchins School of Liberal Studies* at Sonoma State University.

The Slate Upper School is poised to make a significant positive impact on your community, as based teaching and learning. The cognitive science research is abundantly clear: curiosity is a deep and lasting learning. It springs forth from novelty preference, and is nourished by the spirit of inquiry, imagination and play that all children seek. Curiosity changes the child's brain, priming notice and remember in powerful ways. But curiosity is highly dependent on the experiences of a developing child. As educators, it is up to us to create early learning environments which will nurture curiosity, and which will not squash it. Learners must be empowered to wonder and to explore. This is particularly important in the upper grades, as this is the time in development that authentic and genuine curiosity is often set aside, and intrinsic motivation irrevocably lost to mounting pressures from outside sources.

I had the wonderful opportunity to speak on two panels (entitled, "A Deep Dive Into Curiosity & "Imagining the Future of Education"), and to moderate one panel (entitled, "Curiosity-Driven Education at the Slate School's Education Idea Lab, sessions viewed and utilized by tens of thousands of educators from 50 countries throughout the world. I also had the great fortune of visiting and touring the Slate Lower School, and of creating further collaborative opportunities between my university students and their elementary school students to take charge of their own educational process via projects of their own design.

The town of North Haven will be given a great gift in the Slate Upper School: a model of cutting-edge and project-based education, plus cohorts of families and citizens ready to engage in their world. We warmly welcome and collaborate with the committed educators and students of this impressive program.

Sincerely,
Wendy Ostroff

Wendy L. Ostroff, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Cognitive & Developmental Science
Hutchins School of Liberal Studies
Sonoma State University

Alan Fredricksen

From: Clara Pellegrino <clarapellegrino14@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:09 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.com
Subject: Upper School

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To whom it may concern,

I know an educator at the Slate School. As a former student and citizen of North Haven, I am thrilled and excited for the Upper school at 5100 Ridge Road. I think it will be beneficial to the school system and the town in general.

Thank you,
Clara Pellegrino.

Alan Fredricksen


From: Ruby 109 <generalkenobi2514@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:19 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: 23smiley@gmail.com; TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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I live on Mansfield Road, in the Blue Hills neighborhood in North Haven, and I support the new Slate Upper School on 5100 Ridge Road. I am a freshman at North Haven High School and have volunteered at the current Slate School on Mansfield Road; working with the kids was a rewarding experience. I think the Slate Upper School would be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Peter Marra
380 Mansfield Road

Alan Fredricksen

From: Sarina Marra <sarinam1557@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:19 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Mom ; TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School (5100 Ridge Road)

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I am a resident of the Blue Hills neighborhood in North Haven; I live on Mansfield Road. I am writing to say that I am in support of the proposed development of Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. I am a senior at North Haven High School and I volunteered at Slate School last year, and I can say that it is a wonderful school with a unique learning program that fosters and truly cares about the learning and development of its students.

-Sarina Marra, 380 Mansfield Rd

Alan Fredricksen

From: lynnmccall60@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 8:12 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate school

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My name is Douglas McCall. I live at 60 Mansfield Rd, North Haven CT 06473. I am writing in support of the new Slate School project. They have been good neighbors to us since the opening of the elementary school on Mansfield Road. They have beautified the land and I am sure that the new project proposed will be an asset to the community.

Thank you,
Douglas McCall

Sent from my iPhone

Alan Fredricksen

From: Lilee Chandra <dynamo630@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:26 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Slate School
Subject: Slate Upper School Support Letter

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For: North Haven P&Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen

Dear Mr. Fredericksen,

My name is Lila Chandra, I am a small business owner in North Haven and I reside with my family at 1825 Ridge Road. I am writing to you in support of the plans to construct Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road.

Since 2018, our 2 young children have been enrolled at Slate School at 24 Mansfield Road in North Haven and while there, they have flourished in so many ways. I am very much looking forward to the opportunity of continuing this high quality education at Upper Slate with our children as they come of age.

As evidenced by their careful and conscientious building design and development, I feel that Slate School has proven that it is a responsible steward of the land as well as a considerate neighbor. I wholeheartedly convey my support for the building of Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road.

Please add my name to the list of others who sincerely support this project and are eager to see North Haven continue to grow & prosper.

Respectfully,

Lila Chandra

1825 Ridge Road

North Haven

203.530.8876

January 5, 2021

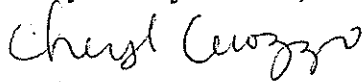
To Whom It May Concern:

I, Cheryl Cuozzo a resident of North Haven for many years am writing this letter to show my support for the planning and development for the future upper Slate School. I have passed by the lovely Slate School that is surrounded by acres of natural beauty and what an exemplary school.

Looking more deeply into the school missions and even knowing a family that goes there, I have heard nothing but the utmost positive qualities that all schools should have. It is so refreshing to know that there is a school that helps children dig deep into their curiosities where it is child centered and changing the current standards of education.

I cannot wait to follow the progress of the Upper Slate School as I have many family and friends with young and older children. I 100% fully support the Upper Slate School and look forward to seeing how Slate grows.

Thank you for your time,



Cheryl Cuozzo

Monday, January 18, 2021

North Haven P&Z
C/O Alan Fredricksen

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am a resident of the town of North Haven and I write to say that I strongly support the Slate Upper School proposal for 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. I think the school has a very important educational and environmental mission, and I hope that the community will share in my enthusiasm for this project.

Sincerely,
Frank Greco

Frank Greco
Hartford Turnpike
North Haven CT

TERRI GERMAIN-WILLIAMS

12 Hunting Ridge Hamden, CT · 347-809-1747

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Town of North Haven
Mr. Alan Fredrickson
Land Use Administrator
North Haven Planning & Zoning Commission
18 Church St. • North Haven, CT • 06473

DEAR MR. FREDERICKSON & THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE,

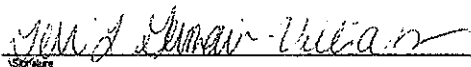
I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of the Slate Upper School's use at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. I am a mother of four boys and an educator by profession. We live in nearby Hamden, not far from Quinnipiac University.

Slate School has been a blessing to our family in so very many ways. Our children began their education in Primary Montessori, and we were dedicated to finding them a placement that would include the care, the inquiry, the student-centered, and the outdoor experience that would maximize their potential. We interviewed at a number of local schools, but none seemed to have the fit and the culture we were seeking.

Then, I discovered Slate School. I was beyond excited to read about their mission, vision, sustainability, and ideals. Our children have flourished as they've attended Slate School. They are curious and thoughtful, they are avid readers and mindful community members, they discern projects and take initiative. The caring and adaptive program at Slate has afforded them the opportunity to grow at their own pace, without restriction of standardization.

Our children are able to learn and play outdoors for a large quantity of time each day. They identify flora and fauna, habitats and footprints. They interact with nature and their classmates with care and connection. It has been so meaningful to our family that our children have this educational experience. It would be truly wonderful for their education to continue on after the sixth grade. We fully support, and ask for yours, in the approval of 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven for Slate Upper School to be built, and to serve the next generation of thoughtful, connected, inquisitive graduates. Thank you for taking the time to consider my experience.

Sincerely,



Terri Germain-Williams

Alan Fredricksen

From: Bob Z <rcz28514@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: juliemountcastle@comcast.net
Subject: The Slate School, Inc., Relative to 5100 Ridge Road

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am writing in favor of the proposal of the Slate School to transform 5100 Ridge Road, North Haven into an educational facility.

Currently, a decommissioned church stands on the site. I feel that the transformation of the property to a school would be a viable alternative to a decommissioned church. Slate Lower School located at 124 Mansfield Road, North Haven has proven to be a good neighbor to surrounding property owners and the community in general. The proposed grade 9-12 school will offer an alternative to a public school education.

Respectfully,

Robert Zambrano
130 State Street G-12
North Haven, CT 06473

Alan Fredricksen

From: Randi Scott <rscott55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 6:57 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; info@slateschool.org
Cc: TLee@filllaw.com
Subject: Slate School

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We recently had the opportunity to tour the Slate School Campus on Mansfield Road. Julie Mountcastle spent time with us, showing us the classrooms and natural surroundings. The school spared no expenses and developed a beautiful environment for student learning.

North Haven should be very proud and honored to have them as part of our town. Julie also mentioned a 2nd property for an upper school (grades 7-12) on Ridge Road. We drove by the property and think the location is an excellent spot for a small upper school. We believe the town of North Haven should work closely with the Slate School to ensure their needs are met and North Haven adds another high end, top quality project to our town.

Respectfully,

James and Randi Scott 1 Allendale Drive
North Haven, CT 06473 203-530-8056
Email: JScott49@gmail.com Rscott55@gmail.com

Alan Fredricksen

From: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 8:51 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: FW: Slate Upper school application

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Hi Alan.
Please see letter of support below. They did not have the correct email address for you.

Timothy J. Lee, Esq.
Fasano, Ippolito, Lee & Florentine, LLC
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New Haven, Ct 06511
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From: Fstwit <fstwit@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 2:16 PM
To: alan@town.north-haven.ct.us
Cc: info@slateschool.org; Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>; jstaple@uniteforsight.org
Subject: Slate Upper school application

Alan,

Please pass along to the P&Z our support for the Slate school application. As Blue Hills residents and a nearly adjacent property owner to the existing school, we had serious reservations for the school use of the 124 Mansfield property during that application. Hindsight has shown that the development was completed as agreed by the applicant and the Slate school is exceptionally well maintained and has been a good neighbor.

We have no reservations that the neighbors and the town will enjoy the same outcome with the development of the upper school.

Yours Truly,

Steve & Karen DiCapua

103 Kings Highway
North Haven, Ct 06473
203-287-8117
fstwit@aol.com

Alan Fredricksen

From: Lisa Dabkowski <lisadabkowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 5:54 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road

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Dear Members of the North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission,

As a North Haven resident, I write to convey my support for 5100 Ridge Road to be used for Slate Upper School. Having seen the beautiful, respectful, and natural use of the Mansfield Road site for the current Slate School, I look forward to the Slate School team creating this experience again in North Haven.

As with the current Slate School, this is a great opportunity for North Haven to have such a school. The current school employs North Haven residents and does not increase traffic in the area.

I urge the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve Slate Upper School's use of 5100 Ridge Road. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dabkowski

66 Sugar Hill Road
North Haven, CT 06473
203-824-4833

Alan Fredricksen

From: Lambert, Sarah <Sarah.Lambert@fnf.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 1:33 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School - 5100 Ridge Road

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Good Afternoon!

I am writing in support of the proposed land use of 5100 Ridge Road as the Slate Upper School. We are 20 year residents of the Blue Hills Neighborhood and a near neighbor to Slate School, and have eagerly watched the success and the positive cultural, environmental and educational impact of Slate School in our community. We have also attended and personally benefitted from the educational programs Slate School has generously offered to community members. The existing Slate School campus has proven to be a beautiful compliment to the Blue Hills neighborhood, lending a peaceful and gracious learning environment to inquisitive young minds. I would expect the same great care for civic and environmental stewardship in the planning for this new phase, and strongly encourage your support for the establishment of Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road.

Thank you, and best regards,

Sarah Lambert

Sarah Lambert
2271 Ridge Road
North Haven, CT 06473
203-494-0944

Sarah Lambert

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Jesse Rinck <jesse.rinck@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com; Katy Kessler-Rinck; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Upper Slate school

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Dear Sir,

I'm writing this letter to give my full support for a new Upper Slate School. I currently have a child enrolled, and can tell you it is a unique educational experience for my child. In only a short time at the school, we have seen tremendous growth in Max. He is signing new songs, reading words, writing letters, making close friends, and connecting with nature. Our family strongly believes in the importance of outdoor play, and this school is founded in that philosophy. The results have been amazing to say the least. Max is excited to go to school every day. Continued education in this school setting would be so beneficial to younger generations. So please strongly consider approving a new Upper Slate School.

Regards,
Jesse Rinck
114 Gillies Rd.
Hamden, CT
C: 609-602-8378

Alan Fredricksen

From: muphy747@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 8:19 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen; TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateSchool.org
Subject: Letter in Support of the Slate School New Building Project

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Planning & Zoning Commission
c/o Alan Fredricksen

Dear Members of the North Haven Planning & Zoning Commission,

I am writing to urge you to support the proposed Slate School new building project.

This excellent school already has one campus for younger grade school children with a beautiful layout, very respectful of the environment and of the adjacent neighbors. It offers need-blind admission and financial support to those families who need tuition assistance.

After looking at the plans for the new campus for upper grades, I see the same loving care for detail, protection of the environment and respect of the adjoining property owners.

The school owners and director are intelligent and caring local residents who will work to ensure that the project will meet all building and town guidelines and satisfy the needs of all concerned.

There is a lovely utilization of the once-existing church on the property, complete with a performance space, and the beautiful natural setting will be maintained and nurtured.

I believe the new school will be a welcome addition to the educational and cultural life of North Haven and a very good neighbor to the property owners in the area.

Sincerely,

Anne Murphy
103 Ridgewood Ave.
North Haven, CT 06473
203 281-7689

North Haven P&Z
Care of Alan Fredricksen,

My name is Chris Powell, I am a 22 year resident of North Haven & grew up in Hamden. I am writing this letter to show my support for Slate School & their hopes to expand & build an upper grade school located at 5100 Ridge Rd.

I have been on their current lower school campus numerous times & admire their philosophy & goals for education. I strongly believe in & agree with the path they are trying to create for education & learning at their school.

I have filmed & produced several videos for Slate School since they have opened. Ranging from videos highlighting the campus, buildings & classrooms, to a virtual tour of the indoor & outdoor learning spaces & most recently the video announcing their vision to expand & build the upper school. The videos I've helped produce have been used on the Slate School website & for marketing through email & social media.

I have been honored to spend time with the team at Slate School & see 1st hand their dedication to education & the community. I only wish Slate School was around when my 2 boys were younger!

All my best & lets make this happen!

- Chris Powell

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Melissa Tropeano <mtropeano62@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:54 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: North Haven P&Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen, Re: The Slate School Project

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Alan Fredricksen:

I am in support of the Slate School project at 5100 Ridge Road. Property values near the current campus have steadily risen and Slate School has proved to be a good neighbor. Please give them the opportunity to extend this type of education beyond the 6th grade for their students and to provide more educational choices for the town of North Haven.

Sincerely,
Melissa Tropeano
16 Bailey Road
North Haven, CT 06473
Email: mtropeano62@gmail.com

Alan Fredricksen

From: Dina <dinarushka@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:54 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School Upper School 5100 Ridge Road

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,
my name is Dina Rushka. I live in Meriden Connecticut. My friend Andrea Nezat has a son who has attended Slate School for 3 years at 124 Mansfield Rd. North Haven Connecticut. I am going to send my daughter to that school next year.

I am in full support of Slate School creating an upper school at 5100 Ridge Rd. North Haven.

Slate Upper School will be a welcome addition to North Haven and the neighborhood it's in. The school is on the cutting edge in education and 100% environmentally friendly. The neighborhood will only benefit for letting Slate build on that location. The location they are in now is a home to all the indigenous Connecticut wildlife including bugs, bobcat, wild turkeys and owls to name a few. No pesticides like at regular schools, so no harm to nature.

Please make my friends sons dreams come true, as well as the children of Connecticut by allowing Slate School to build its upper school.

Thank you!

Regards,
Dina

Alan Fredricksen

From: Kaitlyn Kenney <kaitlynkenney@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:10 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; TLee@FILLaw.com
Subject: Slate School Proposal

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am writing in support of Slate School's proposal for the 5100 Ridge Road property. I believe that Slate School would be an excellent addition to our neighborhood. Having the Slate School in our town has brought positive attention to North Haven, and growing the school's campus can only serve to continue to attract that positive attention.

Respectfully,

Katie Kenney

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Alan Fredricksen

From: dancyn3 <dancyn3@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:31 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: slate school

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My grandson has been attending Slate school for 3 years and is thriving in this atmosphere.

I congratulate all involved with the school. It has been a godsend for my grandson.

I want to state my total support for the upper school planned. I urge you to continue with the plans for the sake of the children. Thank you,
Cynthy Halby

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

January 27, 2021

Dear North Haven Planning & Zoning Board,

I grew up in North Haven and although I'm currently a college student at DeSales University in Pennsylvania, my permanent residence is still 109 Ridgewood Ave in North Haven.

Recently I've heard that Slate School has proposed to build on its mission of Child centered, nature-based education right here in North Haven by literally building a new Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road.

There are so many wonderful aspects to the educational philosophy offered at Slate School that I'd love to see it continue to prosper and to grow as a prominent and permanent part of our education scene here in North Haven.

- Student Centered Education.
- Nature Based and inspired projects.
- An intentional emphasis on student learning and discovery instead of work sheets and tests.
- Progressive, forward thinking innovators in the education field.

In addition to the educational philosophy though, the family economics of an education at Slate School (need blind admissions followed by financial aid which meets 100% of demonstrated need for accepted students) is just one more reason why it's such a great benefit to our town. Slate school strives to be completely accessible to all social and economic classes. This means that North Haven students of any income level and any social, racial, ethnic or religious group are encouraged to apply there and to attend a wonderful school in a diverse, creative, inclusive and inspiring learning environment.

Expanding the Slate School Mission to include a new Slate Upper School will be great for the town of North Haven and for any family wishing to live in a town that values education and curiosity driven learning like I do.

I am a resident citizen of North Haven CT, and I'd like to officially state my support for the proposal to build Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven, CT.

Thank you.

Ellen Mountcastle
109 Ridgewood Ave.
North Haven, CT 06473

Alan Fredricksen

From: Suzanne Powell <suzanne_powell@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:12 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for Slate School

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Dear North Haven Planning and Zoning,

I am a North Haven resident and have been a teacher at Shepherd Glen School in Hamden for the past 28 years.

I am writing in favor of the expansion of the Slate Upper School Project at 5100 Ridge Road. If Covid 19 has taught us anything in the education field is that we need to be open to change and innovation. The Slate School Staff and philosophy prove that they take each individual student and family needs into consideration when they plan and implement their curriculum, building a school community and culture. They take care in educating the whole child. I strongly believe this project will not only benefit children it will benefit North Haven and the surrounding communities.

Thank you,
Suzanne Powell
5th Grade Teacher
Mom
North Haven Resident

Alan Fredricksen

From: Jane Aronson <orphandoc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; TLee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: support for Slate Upper School by Dr. Jane Aronson

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January 27, 2021

To: Alan Fredricksen
T Lee

From: Dr. Jane Aronson, Director, Global Behavioral Health Network for Children and Young People, Voluntary Faculty Pediatrics, Cornell Weill Medicine, Director, International Pediatric Health Services, PLLC

Re: Slate Upper School North Haven, CT

I have known Jennifer Staple-Clark, Head of Slate School, for 15 years in her capacity as the creator and director of Unite for Sight, the largest global health advocacy organization in the US. I am a former school teacher, pediatrician, global health specialist, and HIV/AIDS practitioner and I have been part of the annual faculty at Unite for Sight all these years.

Jennifer consulted with me 6 years ago about her very passionate/ambitious strategy to create and build a learning environment for young children that would be open and nurturing. The setting would be nature oriented and the faculty would be loving and magnetic! The head of school, Julie Mountcastle, would lead a movement for Slate.

Jennifer and her team completed the plan strategically to complete the lower school which opened 3 ½ years ago and then seeing the success of the educational model, they set out to grow the school to Slate Upper School 7-12. As a former elementary, middle and high school science teacher, I admired Slate immediately. I have been to the school to observe the kids and share my global educational experiences with the faculty, parents, and students. I wish that I could teach there....or maybe attend class!!! I look forward to be part of the growth of Slate Upper School.

There is magic at Slate and its focus on student centered learning could sweep the nation and we would have the answer to our educational challenges for the last 50 years. Any community would benefit from the Slate model.

To be able to bring this gorgeous school setting to the older kids in North Haven would bring equity, social justice, diversity, innovation and dedication; it is another step toward idealism and pure joy for any learners. There cannot be any question about the integrity of Slate! North Haven would have its name in lights because Slate is an integral part of the community.

I ran schools in Ethiopia, Haiti, and Vietnam in my global health/educational work running a foundation. I know that the 150,000 children who we reached are better for the idealism of our model and if I could have had Slate in those countries, all their hopes for a brilliant education for kids would have been met.

If you want to hear more, please do not hesitate to email me, text me, or call me. I am grateful that Slate School is a gift to our world.

Sincerely,

Alan Fredricksen

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:14 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Slate School; Tim Lee
Subject: Kindergarten and Grade 1 Class: Letters
Attachments: K and 1 Students.pdf

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Dear Alan,

Our students have been hearing about the Slate Upper School proposal, so they've all written letters to share their enthusiasm. Attached please find letters from the class of Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. Many of these children live in North Haven and Hamden.

Thank you so much in advance for including these in the Slate Upper School file.

Best regards,
Slate School

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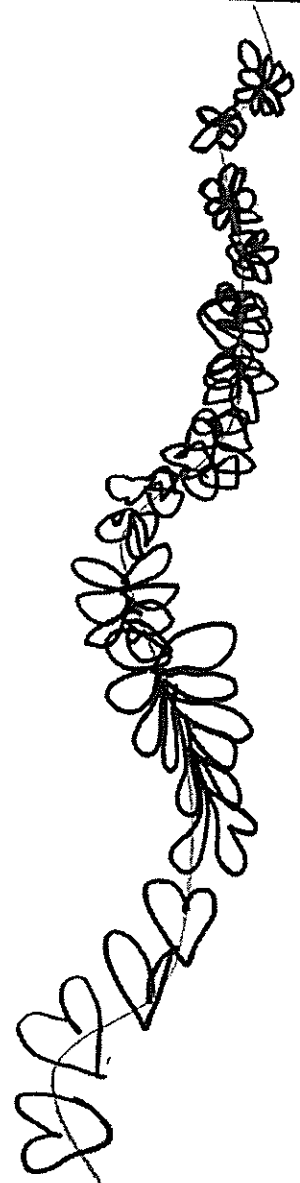
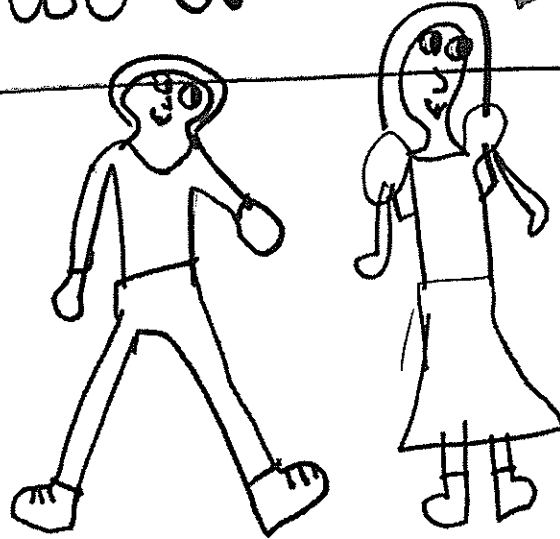
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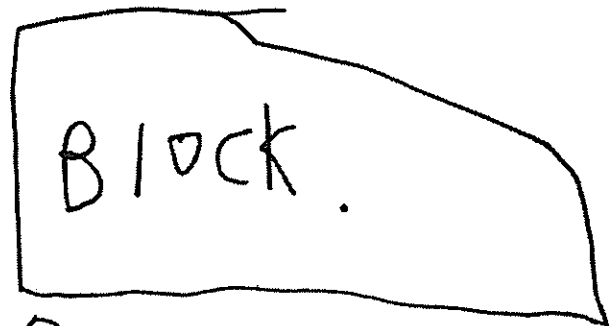
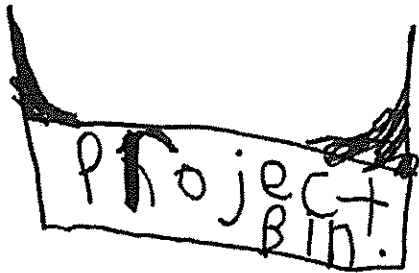
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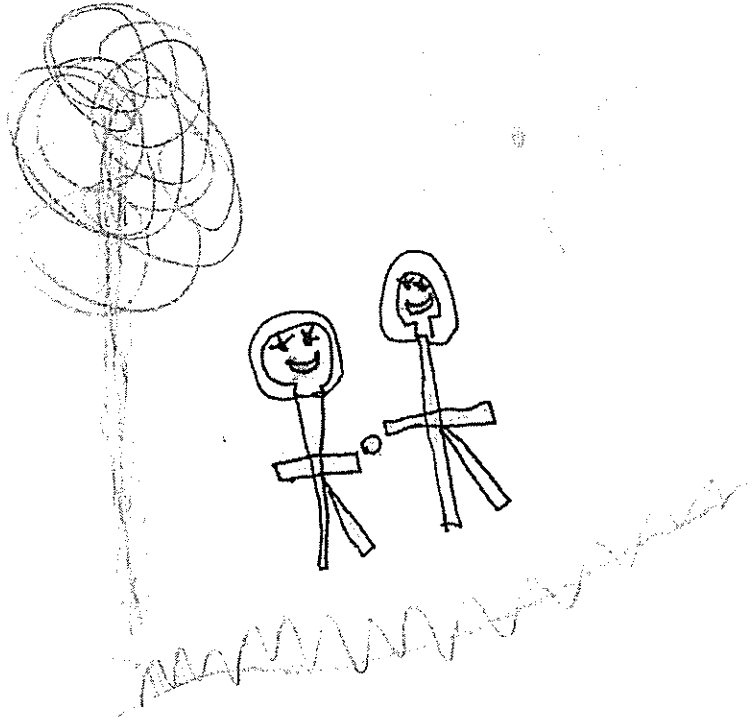
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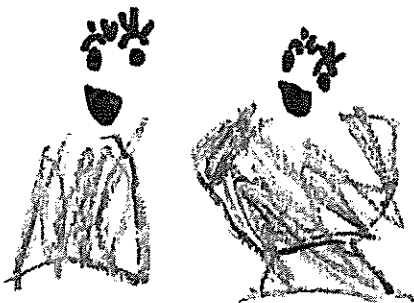
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