

Slate Upper School

**216 COMMUNITY LETTERS
OF SUPPORT THUS FAR**

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From: Arata, Luis O. Prof. <Luis.Arata@quinnipiac.edu>

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 10:28 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com <TLee@FILLaw.com>; Slate School <info@slateschool.org>

Subject: Neighbors support for Slate Upper School

Dear Alan Fredricksen,

We live at 472 Mount Carmel Avenue. As neighbors, we would like to express our support of the Slate School's plans to repurpose the church property on 5100 Ridge Road and create the Slate Upper School.

We had a chance to visit the Slate School on 124 Mansfield Road and were impressed by the school's design and care for their environment. We trust that the same care will go into the plans for the Slate Upper School, and wholeheartedly support the School's vision.

Sincerely yours,

Luis and Laurie Arata

472 Mount Carmel Ave.

Hamden, CT 06518

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From: RONALD PENTON <rpenton132@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 09:01 AM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Cc: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>

Subject: Slate School / P&Z letter in SUPPORT

This letter is in **support** of the current application before P&Z for the Upper Campus of the Slate School

As a 33 year resident of North Haven, and past member of both Inland Wetlands and P&Z commissions, I would like to voice my full support for the current application.

I voted in favor of the first Slate School project while a member of P&Z, after studying their plans, walking the site, reading all of the letters in favor and in opposition, and listening to all speakers on both sides of the application.

After a few years in operation, I am not aware of any of the potential problems having materialized.

When I drive past the current school (which one would only know was there if you were looking for it) everything seems well maintained, and very quiet.

I believe that having a school with the curriculum offered by the Slate School is good for both the residents and for the town of North Haven.

I've had the opportunity to study the proposed site plans and building plans in great detail, as well as walking the site with the design team.

I believe that the proposed design will blend into the site and neighborhood quite well.

I also believe that as residents of North Haven themselves, the Clarks (and their school) will continue to be good corporate citizens and neighbors.

I am urging the members of P&Z to vote in favor of this application.

Respectfully,

Ron Penton
132 Pool Road
North Haven, CT

From: thomas Woodruff <tomwoodruffgtl@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 03:18 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com <TLee@FILLaw.com>

Subject: Slate Upper School

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission Members:

We are writing in support of the proposed Slate Upper School. We have resided in North Haven for over 20 years and proudly raised three children in this town. Any educational organization, whether public or private, that nurtures its students with a focus on curiosity, knowledge and trust will benefit the entire community. We are excited to see any projects in town that will foster the education and development of children. The Slate School in particular provides a unique, nature based learning experience in which children can thrive. We fully support the wonderful mission of the Slate School and are delighted that they want to expand their school to include higher grades.

We strongly recommend approval of the development of the Slate Upper School.

Thank you for considering our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Thomas & Kathryn Woodruff
11 Crestview Drive
North Haven, Ct

Alan Fredricksen

From: Amy Chai <amy.f.chai@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6:49 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; tlee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.com
Subject: Slate school

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed Slate Upper School to be erected at the site of the former Mount Carmel Christian Church.

I have seen the plans for the building and I feel that they have incorporated a respectful use of the space.

There is a need for an upper school to be opened for the graduating students of the Slate School, and I do feel that the planned design is in keeping with the tasteful and unobtrusive use of space in our neighborhood. I do not feel that this school will be problematic for the neighborhood, particularly given the fact that the lower school has not caused the significant traffic impact that was initially feared. I often walk by the location and have not found the traffic patterns altered.

In summary, I feel that the use of the property for educational purposes is in keeping with the character of our neighborhood.

Best regards,

Amy Fogelstrom Chai, MD MS
144 Blue Hills Road, North Haven

Alan Fredricksen

From: Tiffany Israel <tiffanyisrael@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate School Upper School

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a North Haven resident residing at 119 Ridgewood Avenue in North Haven, CT. I am writing in support of the Slate School plan to build an Upper School on the land of 5100 Ridge Road. While some have concern that this may be intrusive to the surrounding wetlands or neighbors, careful research about what and how the founders of Slate School are approaching the environmental questions reveals they would be doing the area a service. They would be building a structure that is thoughtfully designed to minimize ecological footprints. That would likely not be the case with any party that would purchase and develop the space. Given that the area already has traffic from Quinnipiac and Sleeping Giant State Park members and visitors, the addition of such a unique, small school that is not using busing adds value to the area.

Also, as a parent of a bright neuro atypical child, for whom the public school system is not a good fit, access to other options that would be a better fit and are in close proximity is paramount to us. Even more, this is a school that makes that option financially accessible. They choose to do the right thing at each turn and will do so for the land at 5100 Ridge Road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Israel

Alan Fredricksen

From: alyssa ciccarini <alyssa.ciccarini@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen; TLee@fillaw.com; lisa@lisabok.com
Subject: Slate School

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Hello, my name is Alyssa Ciccarini and I am a resident of the Hamden community who supports the Slate Upper School plan for 5100 Ridge Road. I believe that creativity is extremely important to the development of children and I feel strongly that the curriculum at Slate School present many opportunities for children to reach their potential.

Thank you

Alan Fredricksen

From: Carmel Mastroianni <cmastr5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:01 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate Upper School

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I am totally enthusiastic about the proposal for a Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Rd. Any town should be equally enthusiastic and proud to have a project of this caliber in their town.

Carmel D. Mastroianni
55 Gate Way
Hamden, Ct.
Sent from my iPad

Alan Fredricksen

From: morrissheehan@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:35 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Proposed School at 5100 Ridge Road

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,
As a resident of North Haven, I strongly support this upper school addition because it is small but will be a real educational improvement to our community.
Sincerely,
Morris C. Sheehan

Sent from my iPhone

Alan Fredricksen

From: David Starkey <starkey826@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate Upper School

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Dear Planning and Zoning,

I am writing this letter to give my full support for the building of the Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road.

I am parent of a child at the lower school and have seen firsthand the amazing educational program that is being created. The upper school will only enhance the wonderful things happening at the lower school and I believe the upper school will not only be a wonderful asset to North Haven, but will help to create an exciting new educational model for the world.

So, I ask that you support the important educational work they are doing by allowing them to take the next step to fully realize the potential of Slate School and it's mission.

Thank You,
David Starkey

From: Jenna Vollono <jenna@thehivehairstudio.com>

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:13 PM

To: fredricksen.alan@northhaven-ct.gov <fredricksen.alan@northhaven-ct.gov>

Cc: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>; TLee@fillaw.com <TLee@fillaw.com>

Subject: Slate Upper School Support

Dear Members of the North Haven Planning & Zoning Committee,

My name is Jenna Vollono and I am writing to you in overwhelming support of Slate Upper School plan for [5100 Ridge Road in North Haven](#).

My family are residents of Hamden and are active members of our community. I am also a perspective Slate School parent for 2022 and New Haven business owner. We feel that it is important to welcome and support new organizations into our community. Especially ones that take such interest in bettering our land, children, and futures.

Over the last few years I have been fortunate enough to have seen first hand the impact that the Lower Slate School has made in a few of it's students. One child in particular I saw grow leaps and bounds in a very short time after starting at this school. I have listened to the stories of my clients who send their children here. They have nothing but outstanding things to say about the work of this institute. That is what has drawn us to be supporters of this school.

I know that the Slate Upper School will be an asset to the town of North Haven, and a beautiful addition to foothills of Sleeping Giant Mountain. We hope that you will grant the zoning needed for this school and it's beautiful philosophy to thrive.

Thank you for your time,

Hamden Resident
Jenna Vollono