

Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Tim Lee; Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw: Ridge road school project

Please forward to Alan. #112

Begin forwarded message:

From: gmarcaurora@comcast.net Nick Aurora
Date: January 27, 2021 at 10:01:40 AM EST
To: Greg Aurora <gradeyourproperty@gmail.com>
Subject: ridge road school project

Town of North Haven,

I am not only a resident of Hamden, but living on the line of Northhaven. I am also a retired school teacher.

With that being said, it has been brought to my attention that the Slate School in North Haven will be adding the remaining school grades.

I was already a huge fan of the school for many reasons. One of them being allowing and teaching the children to expand their their methods of thinking, mindset, and knowledge via EXPLORTATION. I strongly approve and encourage this to happen

Thanks, Nick A

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Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Tim Lee; Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw: New slate school building

Please send to Alan. #111

From: Greg Aurora <gradeyourproperty@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 02:00 PM
To: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Subject: New slate school building

Dear town of North Haven planning and zoning. I write to you as a resident of Hamden now with soon hopes to be a resident of North Haven!

I am writing this letter in support of the new slate school to be built on Ridge Road. I now am the groundskeeper of the current slate school on Mansfield Road. The slate school is very unique as it is maintained as one of the most environmentally schools in the country. There is no chemicals, pesticides, insecticides, or for that matter we are not even able to use leaf blowers on the property.

I strongly plan to sign my children up for the slate school when their age appropriate. I think it will be a phenomenal addition to the town.

I look forward to seeing the build underway and even more excited for the finished school!!!!

Let's get building!

Greg Aurora
A+ Landscape & Design, LLC.
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Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Tim Lee; Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw: Slate

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From: Marissa Esposito <mespo789@gmail.com>
Date: January 27, 2021 at 11:34:40 AM EST
To: Greg Aurora <gradeyourproperty@gmail.com>
Subject: Slate

I am very excited to say that I have been informed that the amazing Slate School in North Haven will be expanding!!!!

I am a Mother of 2 young boys, ages 2 and 3, who will be attending the Slate School when the time comes!!

This learning environment is like no other. The school is completely CLEAN(meaning chemical Free and organic based), even down to the supplies the children use during their daily lessons.

The method of educating and teaching the children is amazing. They promote self help and life skills, in addition to using exploration and curiosity to expand the children's minds!!!

My boys would be extremely lucky and fortunate to attend this school.

Sincerely,
Marissa Esposito

Sent from my iPhone

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Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Tim Lee; Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw: building of new school in north haven

Please forward to Alan. Thank you! #109

Begin forwarded message:

From: Justin Perriano
Date: January 27, 2021 at 1:40:27 PM EST
To: Greg Aurora <gradeyourproperty@gmail.com>
Subject: building of new school in North Haven

To whom it may concern,
I am a local resident of North Haven Connecticut.
I have just been told that the local Slate School will be adding the higher grades to the school.
I love the fact that the school is "all natural" and organic.
Also in the warmer months, the kids do a lot of their learning outside in nature!!!

Good luck with the build!!!

JP

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Anne DeGregorio <adegregorio@presscuozzo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Fredericksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us
Cc: TLee@FLLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: SLATE SCHOOL

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Greetings,

My name is Anne DeGregorio and I am a North Haven resident. I am in complete agreement with allowing the Slate School, located at 5100 Ridge Road, to move forward with their planning and zoning proposal.

I believe the Slate School has been a true asset to North Haven and to their students.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Anne

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Mark Trojanowski <mark.trojanowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School

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Hi Alan,

Happy New Year and I hope you, the family, and the extended family in the office are well.

I am writing to show my strong support for the Slate School's Slate Upper School. I read some press on the proposed plan in the NHR and in fact was planning to attend the IW meeting on the application to share my support. Frankly, I was surprised to hear of opposition.

The Slate's original application at Mansfield Road was both a rewarding application from the standpoint of the passion by the applicant and their overall proposal, but also by so much engagement from so many others. I like to see that and I believe it produces better results for all.

I am taken aback by the criticism of the current project. The results at Mansfield Road speak volumes to what can be achieved at the Slate Upper School. I continue to believe the school is a wonderful asset of the town from many different perspectives. I cannot see a better use, and one that reduces many possible potential negative impacts to the surroundings as the plan I have read about.

Please share this as resounding support for the initiative.

I look forward to catching up. Stay well.

Mark

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The World is Your Second Home

Alan Fredricksen

From: daniel casbarro <yogichef_75@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com ; info@slateschool.com
Subject: Slate School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I'm reaching out to you in regards to the Slate's School planned construction of an upper school in North Haven. I am here to declare that I'm in full support of the project.

I know there is opposition on the premise that it may have a negative and lasting ecological impact on the local floral, fauna, and surrounding riparian areas. Concerns arise for me when I hear the word "development." It usually means a disruption of land in one way or another. This doesn't always have to be the case. I am a graduate of one of the most environmentally conscious colleges in the world, Prescott College in AZ. Having studied ecological architecture, I know what it means to co-create buildings and structures with the land and not disrupt the balance of nature.

I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend time at the current Slate School. Their vision and commitment to sustainability exceeds what I have experienced even at Prescott College. As a resident of Hamden, I have zero reservations in supporting this project. This is not a condominium complex or Walmart, it is one of the most progressive ecologically minded projects in the world and we can be proud to say it's in our own backyard.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Regards,

Daniel Casbarro

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Alan Fredricksen

From: jo papa kenney <papakenney@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School Upper School

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Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

As someone who has been keenly invested in education here in town, I have been following the progress and activities of Slate School closely for three years now and am continually delighted and impressed with the entire community. The care, research, consideration and overall excitement that is put into every aspect of how learning is nurtured there is a prime example of how education should and could be for our developing generations. Therefore, I'm not surprised at the overwhelmingly enthusiastic response of Slate School parents when they heard of the possibility for this learning environment to be continued beyond the elementary years into middle and high school levels. I'm certain that the design team, through the construction and then clearly on through the teachers, staff, parents and students would create a facility and community that would benefit students and their families for years to come. I think that would be an asset to the town. So I endorse approval of the Upper Slate School project.

Thank you so much for your attention and for your work on the P&Z Commission.

Sincerely,
Jo Papa Kenney
Townline Rd., North Haven

Alan Fredricksen

From: Jeffrey Kenney <jeff.kenney@yale.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:03 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; info@slateschool.org
Subject: "Slate Upper School " on Ridge Road

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Dear North Haven P&Z,

I am writing this brief letter of support for Slate School, and their plan to open an associated "Slate Upper School " on Ridge Road. I know about Slate School from my daughter, Grace Kenney, who is a teacher at the school. I have been enormously impressed with the school, particularly its approach to education and its devotion to their students. I have interacted or corresponded with several students on their 'space' projects (I am an astronomy professor) and have been delighted with my experiences. The school goes out of its way to help students explore and answer questions that inspire them.

As a North Haven resident, I support an "Slate Upper School " on Ridge Road.

Jeffrey Kenney
20 Townline Road
North Haven, CT. 06473
203-248-9777

Alan Fredricksen

From: Bruce Ditman <brucedit@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen

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Hello,

I am writing this email in support of the Slate School. I own homes in the Mount Carmel neighborhood, nearby, and I can't imagine offering anything other than unqualified support for more, great education in our community such as another Slate school.

Thank you,

Bruce Ditman

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Alan Fredricksen

From: LL Crowder <loraleegeil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Plans for Slate School @ 5100 Ridge Road

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Hello Mr. Fredricksen,

I am a Hamden resident. I am writing in support of the Slate School expansion plan. I know several families who children are benefiting greatly from Slate School programming. I am interested in the school as potential for my son currently in 4th grade at Spring Glen School in Hamden.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Loralee Crowder

203-278-3321
270 Ridgewood Avenue
Hamden, CT

Alan Fredricksen

From: Mastroianni, Joel <Joel.Mastroianni@peoples.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Letter in Support of Slate Upper School 5100 Ridge Rd

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm a resident of North Haven, I've been familiar with Slate School since the inception of the idea, have visited Slate School at 124 Mansfield on multiple occasions, and I enthusiastically support the proposal for Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. I'm confident the Clark's will truly, respectfully reimagine the existing church space and any additional spaces on the property. The completed Slate School on Mansfield indicates the sincerity of their application and plans for the Upper School space.

Regards,

Joel Mastroianni
11 Ridgewood Terr
North Haven, CT 06473

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:22 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: FW: Slate Upper School

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

From: Kathryn Picanso <picanso@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:17 PM
To: alan@town.north-haven.ct.us
Cc: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Kathryn Picanso and I live in the town of Hamden Connecticut. I have a good friend whose son attends the third grade at Slate School, 124 Mansfield Road North Haven. He has been there for 3 years and is having an incredible learning experience. Slate School is a socially conscientious, environmentally aware, and educationally wise program for their 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.

Slate School is an extraordinary school that is so needed, not just as a grammar school but as a school that will carry children through all of their formative academic years. The Slate upper school is important for the current Slate children but also for our society. Slate Schools curiosity-driven, nature-based learning style will create a ripple effect that will one day change the way children learn for the better.

As residents of Hamden we are grateful to Slate School for continuing their dedication to children by creating an Upper School that will benefit the North Haven community as well as the surrounding communities.

Thank you North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission for approving the Slate Upper School project and showing your dedication to education.

Best,
Kathryn Picanso
Phone: 646-642-8007

January 26, 2021

Dear North Haven Planning & Zoning Board,

As a resident here in North Haven, CT since 2004, I've found this town to be just the perfect home for me and for my family. Our children attended North Haven public schools and I have come to appreciate the depth of opportunity that education has afforded them. I also can see that the town of North Haven is a vibrant and creative community of forward thinkers who value the bright future of education in our town the same as I do.

I believe a great, recent development on the education landscape in our town is the wonderful success of Slate School and the forward thinking work that Slate School is doing with student centered learning at their K-6 school on Mansfield Road.

I'm delighted to hear that Slate School has proposed to extend its education offerings to include a new, state of the art upper school at 5100 Ridge Road. This is the perfect setting for what promises to be another exceptional school right here in our North Haven Home.

I am proud of North Haven's optimism for children and for their education, and I am very enthusiastic for the expansion of Slate School here because it will be just one more reason for North Haven citizens like me to proudly to call this forward thinking town our home.

I'm in 100% support of the proposal to build Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven.

Sincerely,

James Mountcastle
109 Ridgewood Ave.
North Haven, CT 06473

Alan Fredricksen

From: Madison Chelgren <madison.chelgren@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; tlee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate Upper School

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Good Evening!

I am Madison Chelgren and I have been a resident of Hamden for 15+ years. I know of a child who attends Slate School and fully support the opening of Slate Upper School. This school seems to be the breath of fresh air that our education system has been needing. It would be in current and future generations interest to truly consider the opening of this school.

Have a great day,
Madison Chelgren

Alan Fredricksen

From: Matt Labanara <mattlabanara@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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I urge the commission to support the Slate Upper School project and ask members to approve their application and afford the community with an excellent choice of education and a great opportunity to repurpose the abandoned church property.

Matt Labanara
10 River Road, North Haven, CT

Alan Fredricksen

From: Chris Labanara <chrislabanara@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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Chris Labanara
10 River Road, North Haven

Alan Fredricksen

From: Labanara, Nancy <NLabanara@oaktreecapital.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slatechool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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I urge the commission to support the Slate Upper School project and ask members to approve their application and afford the community with an excellent choice of education and a great opportunity to repurpose the abandoned church property.

-Nancy Labanara
130 Millbrook Road
North Haven, Ct 06473

Alan Fredricksen

From: Kathryn Picanso <picanso@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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As residents of Hamden we are grateful to Slate School for continuing their dedication to children by creating an Upper School that will benefit the North Haven community as well as the surrounding communities.

Thank you North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission for approving the Slate Upper School project and showing your dedication to education.

Best,
Kathryn Picanso
Phone: 646-642-8007

Alan Fredricksen

From: Mary Offutt <mary.b.offutt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:59 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; tlee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate School Supportive Reference

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Mary Offutt, BSc, DVM, MRcVs. I am a North Haven Resident. I know someone who teaches at Slate school and have corresponded with some students for their projects there, and it seems like a great school. I'm writing in support of a Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road to continue this type of education.

Thank you very much, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mary Offutt

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Ken & Chris Watkins <kenandchris@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate School

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Hello Mr. Fredricksen,

I am a resident of North Haven. I know a family whose child has been enrolled at Slate School for three years and is absolutely thriving. I am fully supportive of the plans for Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven.

Thank you,
Kenneth Watkins
116 Buell St

Alan Fredricksen

From: Watkins, Chris <chris.watkins@yale.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate School

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Hello Mr. Fredricksen,
My family are residents of North Haven. We know a family whose child has been enrolled at Slate School for three years and is thriving and gaining so much value from the school, especially during these difficult times. I am fully supportive of the plans for Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven.

Thank you,
Christine Watkins
116 Buell St

Alan Fredricksen

From: Kristen Meyer <kmsalvagedesign@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com
Subject: Slate School

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Hi Alan,

Hope you're well. My name is Kristen, I am a Hamden resident, and my little girl attends Slate School. As I'm sure you might know, they're planning to build an upper school in North Haven, on the spot of an abandoned church at 5100 Ridge rd. We've heard that there's been some push back from residents in the area. We're so sorry to hear this because Slate school has been such a huge blessing for our family, and so many others! We've been so fortunate to be able to send our daughter there, and hope that she can continue to attend in the years to come. Please consider allowing this incredible school to move forward with their plans. Their respect for the environment, and for the kids is astounding, and the world needs more schools like them, not to mention CT!

Thank you for understanding, and taking the time to read my email, and consider my request.

Best,
Kristen

Alan Fredricksen

From: Kelly Nezat <soullab1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School at the location of 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven

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

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Kelly Nezat and I live in the nearby town Hamden and have a son that attends the third grade at Slate School, 124 Mansfield Road North Haven. Our experience with Slate School has been incredible and our expectations have been consistently exceeded for a socially conscientious, environmentally aware, and educationally wise program for my 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.

I am so grateful for Jennifer and Alexander Clark for daring to bring to life such an inspired and well-conceived program for children as well as the one of the most environmentally friendly schools in the country. It is truly a labor of love.

I am also deeply grateful for my son's experience and know that what he has learned academically and emotionally will go forward with him and all of the wonderful children at Slate School for the rest of their lives. 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 loves to read, create books, and explore nature. We had our son in the Hamden public schools and in one year we saw the love for learning drain out of him. He would come home and withdraw. Since attending Slate School we have watched the self motivated, creative soul who loves learning and challenging himself come back. It is a testament to the nurturing and joyful environment that Slate School fosters.

Slate School is an extraordinary school that is so needed, not just as a grammar school but as a school that will carry our children through all of their formative academic years. The Slate upper school is important for the current Slate children but also for our society. Slate Schools curiosity-driven, nature-based learning style will create a ripple effect that will one day change the way children learn for the better.

At Slate School the students and faculty have the utmost respect for nature and their natural surroundings. you can see how the school fits in perfectly with its current neighborhood. I have watched how the school has brought back the land and focused on indiginus planting that will support the surrounding bugs and animals. The project based learning curriculum fosters an inquisitive child that takes their stewardship of the land and learning very seriously. I have witnessed, in my son, that this program has encouraged the growth of a gentle soul who is kind, self-motivated and bursting with creativity and curiosity.

We are 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, Kelly Nezat

Alan Fredricksen

From: Dave Greco <davidfgreco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; tlee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Cc: Jennifer Staple Clark
Subject: Re: In Favor of Slate Upper School

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Hello,

My family lives off of Blue Hills Rd. and we're both in favor of Upper Slate School.

We live within 1/2 mile of the proposed site which is dilapidated, needs significant repairs and would benefit our community as a whole.

We see no reason why this project shouldn't move forward. In fact, there was a lot of opposition for Slate School and we haven't noticed a single difference in noise, traffic or inconvenience.

We jog, walk out dogs and bike these roads frequently and see more issues with Quinnipiac students Vs parents picking up or dropping off.

If this upper school looks or sounds anything like the lower school, we see this as a great addition to our town. It will lower our tax base, increase payroll (federal and state) taxes, create new jobs, potentially attract younger members of our community and the school itself sounds beautiful. The lower school is gorgeous! The grounds are well kept and it's more eye appealing and safer than the home that was on that plot.

The church on Ridge Rd. is a disaster waiting to happen as it's closed and unsupervised.

Not every town has private schools and those that do seem to do well. We're thinking specifically of Greenwich, Fairfield, etc.

We fully support this project.

We'd kindly ask those that are opposing this project if they're opposing the actual project or the Clark's who seem like nice people and have gone out of their way for our town to build a school, created open space and have done so without any financial burden to the Town of North Haven. All of this has been and continues to be privately funded mainly by the Clark's.

Thank you,

Dave & Amy Greco
8 Mountain Brook Rd.
North Haven, CT 06473
203.675.3237

Sent from my iPhone

Alan Fredricksen

From: beth labanara <blabanara@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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I urge the commission to support the Slate Upper School project and ask members to approve their application and afford the community with an excellent choice of education and a great opportunity to repurpose the abandoned church property.

-Elizabeth Moyes
10 River Road
North Haven

Alan Fredricksen

From: sgbrantley@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate School letter of support

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

As a retired teacher in New Haven for 35 years, Hamden resident, and friend of a thriving student at Slate, I am supportive of the plan to establish the upper school at 5100 Ridge Road. My own son, 41, attended a similar school when he was a child-Wightwood in Branford-and it made all the difference when he fell in love with learning. Schools like Slate and Wightwood look at the whole child and life long learning goals- developing curiosity, becoming protectors of our environment, teaching social emotional learning, and collaborating in project learning.

Please consider giving students and their families an opportunity to continue their education with meaning and purpose while loving the idea of school.

Respectfully,
Shelia Brantley
42 Rolfe Road
Hamden, CT 06517

Alan Fredricksen

From: Maryann Leach <msmaryannleach@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Re: Support for Slate School Project

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Maryann Addario Leach of Hamden Connecticut. I have a grandson who attends the third grade at Slate School, 124 Mansfield Road North Haven. He has been there for 3 years and is having an incredible learning experience. Slate School is a socially conscientious, environmentally aware, and educationally wise program for their 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.

Slate School is an extraordinary school that is so needed, not just as a grammar school but as a school that will carry children through all of their formative academic years. The Slate upper school is important for the current Slate children but also for our society. Slate Schools curiosity-driven, nature-based learning style will create a ripple effect that will one day change the way children learn for the better.

As residents of Hamden we are grateful to Slate School for continuing their dedication to children by creating an Upper School that will benefit the North Haven community as well as the surrounding communities.

Thank you North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission for approving the Slate Upper School project and showing your dedication to education.

Sincerely,

Maryann Leach

Alan Fredricksen

From: Michelle DeLucia <deluciam16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com
Subject: North Haven P&Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen re: Slate School

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Good afternoon Mr. Fredricksen,

I am a Hamden resident who would like to voice my support for the Slate School. Our neighbor attends there, he loves it and has been thriving in various ways since attending. This has truly been an amazing opportunity for him.

I support the plans for The Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven and ask that you consider it as well.

Thank you for your time,

Michelle DeLucia

Sent from my iPhone

Alan Fredricksen

From: jmortali@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: North Haven P & Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen re: Slate School

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I support the plans for The Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven and ask that you consider it as well.

Thank you for your time,

Renee Mortali

Alan Fredricksen

From: Andrea Nezat (GHC) <andrea.nezat@griswoldhomecare.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate Upper School 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven

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

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Sophie Nezat and I live in the town of Hamden. I am 12 years old and have a brother that attends the third grade at Slate School, 124 Mansfield Road North Haven. He has been there for 3 years. Our experience as a family with Slate School has been incredible! I wish I could attend but I'm too old. I am amazed at how socially conscientious and environmentally friendly the school is. I am learning how polluted the world is in school now and it's so upsetting. My brother's school is not just talking about it but they are doing something about the problem. My brother loves his school and looks forward to going to school without complaint every day.

You need to make this upper Slate school a reality. You will be the luckiest town to have such a cool school in it!

My family and I are so excited and in complete support of Slate School creating the Slate Upper School at the location of 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. I wish more schools in Connecticut would teach in this new project-based style. All kids would want to go to school.

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

Yours truly,

Sophie Nezat

Alan Fredricksen

From: Bill DeLucia <deluciaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: North Haven P&Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen re: Slate School

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I support the plans for The Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven and ask that you consider it as well.

Thank you for your time,

William DeLucia

Sent from my iPhone

Alan Fredricksen

From: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate School - letter of support from Melanie Burr

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From: <cburr93@aol.com>
Date: January 22, 2021 at 9:09 PMEST
To: Greg Aurora <gradeyourproperty@gmail.com>
Subject: Construction Project

Dear Town of North Haven,

We are emailing to express our interest and excitement for the new build of the upper slate school on 5100 Ridge road. We are a resident in North Haven and would be thrilled to have a new addition to the slate school built. This would be a wonderful addition to the education system in our town.

Sincerely,

Melanie Burr

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Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Tim Lee
Cc: Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Matt Paul
<ppm4you@yahoo.com>
Date: January 21, 2021 at 1:54:20 PM EST
To: gradeyourproperty@gmail.com

We are writing this email supporting the planning and building of the new slate school. We feel it would be a perfect spot for our children to go learn, play and enjoy the entire experience of how the slate school works. Let the build begin!!!!

Mathew L Paul

Sent from my iPhone

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Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Tim Lee
Cc: Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw: Slate School

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cindy Nero <cindynero@comcast.net>
Date: January 23, 2021 at 10:56:17 AM EST
To: Greg Aurora <gradeyourproperty@gmail.com>
Subject: Slate School

Being a resident of North Haven. I give full support for the Upper Slate School building. It's a great place for kids to be able to learn and grow. We approve and are looking forward to seeing the school open.

Barry Herman

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Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Tim Lee
Cc: Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw: NORTH HAVEN PROJECT

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chick <cyoung416@yahoo.com>
Date: January 23, 2021 at 8:13:46 AM EST
To: gradeyourproperty@gmail.com
Subject: NORTH HAVEN PROJECT

Good afternoon town of North Haven,
We are all for the construction of the expansion to the slate school.
5100 Ridge Road is a perfect location and I feel it would be a great addition to the town.
Thank you for your time.

Chick Cassy
Sent from my iPhone

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Julie Mountcastle <jmountcastle@slateschool.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; tlee@fillaw.com
Cc: Slate School
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School

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Dear Alan,

I am a nearly 17 year resident of North Haven. I taught at Ridge Road Elementary School where my children attended and they both graduated from North Haven High School. It is with great excitement that I write in support of Slate School's proposed use of 5100 Ridge Road for their Upper School. It was during this process 3 1/2 years ago that I first learned of Slate School. I am eternally grateful for the resistance to Slate School at the time because I know that prompted Jennifer to reach out personally to so many to share the vision for the school. I was one of those people, and my life has never been the same.

Jennifer's vision for the school became my own and we have worked so hard to make it a beautiful reality.

Since I have experienced this first-hand and have seen the incredible success of this educational approach, I am compelled to help it grow. These children and others deserve the opportunity to learn this way if they choose.

I hope, with all my heart, that the commission will see the incredible value of a Slate Upper School. Not only has it brought families to know North Haven and consider moving here, but it has also opened the eyes of the wider educational world to know that North Haven is a place where exceptional education flourishes.

We have also proven to be excellent neighbors and caring stewards of the land, eschewing any use of pesticides, fertilizers, or chemicals of any kind on our property.

It is for these reasons, and so many more, that I urge the commission to approve Slate School's proposal for an Upper School.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Julie Mountcastle

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Anne Harris <awh.iti@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:13 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; TLee@FILLaw.com
Subject: Endorsement for the proposed building of Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am writing to support the proposal submitted to North Haven Planning and Zoning for the use of 5100 Ridge Rd as the Slate Upper School. Over the years I have watched with interest and admiration as Slate School administrators and teachers have used their educational philosophies and physical land to build a vibrant educational system focused on organic learning. I believe many children have benefited from this unique educational community to find self discovery and an appreciation of our natural world.

Slate School has proven itself to be a good community neighbor. One cornerstone of Slate School is to promote strong community and love of nature. Due to this I have no doubt that the interest of Slate School's neighbors are top of mind in the proposal, design and building of the new upper school. As a long time resident of North Haven I have taken pride in the priority our community puts on education. Please continue this tradition by approving the proposal submitted to Planning and Zoning so that children from North Haven, as well as the greater New Haven community, may continue to experience excellence in education.

Sincerely,

Anne Harris

Alan Fredricksen

From: williamssredward@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:05 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Support of Slate School

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Dear Mr Fredricksen,

I am a parent of 2 Children that have been attempting Slate school since it opened and it's been an amazing experience thus far, we are and have been so excited about the Skate school experience and especially during the Pandemic, it's been even more valuable than ever. The community of families and the amazing Staff has been a game changer for our children's experience and for us as parents and we look forward even more families that would be able to experience this great community by an expansion.

We wouldn't have known what to do with our children if this school didn't exist so it's that important to my family and all those that have been associated.

Thank you,

Edward Williams Sr.

Alan Fredricksen

From: Nexhmije Vucetaj <gresahmetaj1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:09 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate Upper School Letter of Support

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Dear P&Z,

I am a resident of North Haven, and my daughter is a 2nd grade student at Slate School. She has been enrolled since Kindergarten, and we love the school so much. We are grateful to Slate School for giving her this educational opportunity. We are excited about the Slate Upper School plans at 5100 Ridge Road.

Nexhmije Vucetaj
Resident of North Haven
Parent of Slate School student

Alan Fredricksen

From: Victoria Hummel <victoria.hummel@uconn.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate Upper School Support Letter

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Good Evening P&Z,

My name is Victoria Hummel and I am a resident of North Haven. I am in close relations with a student at Slate School who has been enrolled since Kindergarten. She has spoken highly of the school and I can see the ways in which it has shaped her to be a better student. She has improved significantly on her educational journey due to the consistent support Slate School has offered. I believe it would be amazing to watch her grow through the opportunity of Slate Upper School plans at 5100 Ridge Road.

Thank you for your time,

Victoria Hummel
Resident of North Haven
Family friend of a Slate School student

Alan Fredricksen

From: Gjina Ahmetaj <gjinaahmetaj1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:36 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate Upper School Letter of Support

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Good evening P&Z,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Gjina Ahmetaj and I am a resident of North Haven. I have a sibling who is currently a 2nd grader and has been enrolled in Slate School since Kindergarten. She has always spoken highly of the education and the environment provided by the school. I am constantly seeing the ways in which she is growing both personally and academically through the support Slate School provides. She continues to thrive and become a better student through her time at Slate School and I believe she will continue to grow at the Slate Upper School. I am thankful to Slate School for giving her such an amazing educational experience and am excited about the Slate Upper School plans at 5100 Ridge Road.

Gjina Ahmetaj
Resident of North Haven
Sibling of a Slate School student

Alan Fredricksen

From: Lauren Fitz <laurenfitzgerald03@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:30 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: North Haven Planning & Zoning c/o Alan Fredricksen - Slate Upper School

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Dear Sir/Madam: My name is Lauren Fitzgerald and I live at 34 River Road in North Haven. I am writing in support of the plan to build the Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. I have had the pleasure to visit the Slate School at 124 Mansfield and I was so impressed with the school and its wonderful campus. The Slate School advocates a style of learning that reminded me of the integrated day program at our Ridge Road Elementary that I enjoyed so much. I am confident the Slate Upper School will feature a similarly impressive campus that will complement the natural environment of upper Ridge Road while also offering a similarly great curriculum for the kids in town who will be fortunate to enroll there.

Lauren Fitzgerald

Alan Fredricksen

From: Katherine Fitzgerald <kaf504@nyu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:44 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: North Haven Planning & Zoning - c/o Alan Fredricksen - Slate Upper School

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Dear Sir/Madam: My name is Katherine Fitzgerald and I live at 34 River Road in North Haven. I am writing in support of the plan to create the Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. I am familiar with the Slate School on Mansfield Road and believe it is a wonderful educational option for families in town. I am certain that the founders of Slate School will make an equally impressive Upper School which will be a great asset to the Town. I am also confident that just as the Slate School has integrated well into the Mansfield neighborhood, the design of the Upper School will also fit nicely into the upper Ridge Road neighborhood.

Thank you.

Katherine Fitzgerald

Alan Fredricksen

From: Matt Gade <matthew.gade@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:56 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; info@slateschool.org; TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road Site

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Dear Town Of North Haven,

I am writing this letter in favor of the Slate Upper School at the 5100 Ridge Road location.

It is a wonderful school and a contributor to the local community in so many ways. I am very excited about the opportunity for such an amazing secondary school here in our area.

Thank you,

Matt Gade
matthew.gade@gmail.com
203.848.0668

Alan Fredricksen

From: Brad Ellis <brad@magnoliatheatre.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:57 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate School Support

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I'm writing to you on behalf of the newly formed Magnolia Theatre Company servicing North Haven and Hamden. Performing Arts can play a vital role in the development of all children. Any educational institution that can incorporate the performing arts into their curriculum will definitely be supported by our company and our community. Please consider the upper expansion for the Slate School.

Bradley Ellis
Founding Artistic Director

Alan Fredricksen

From: meganmoran30@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:06 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Support for Slate school

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I am a resident of North Haven and friends with a family that send their daughter to Slate School. I also have a 5 year old daughter and am strongly considering sending her there as well but am hesitant because the school only goes up to grade 6. This email is in support of the proposal for Slate Upper School at [5100 Ridge Road](#). I am very enthusiastic about this project.

Thank you,
Megan Moran

Sent from my iPhone

Alan Fredricksen

From: Nicole Casbarro <nicolecasbarro@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:58 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; TLee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate school

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Dear Mr. Fredrickson,

This email is regarding the construction of an upper school in North Haven for Slate School, which currently serves grades k-6. As the former nurse consultant for Slate school I am well aware of the health and environmental intentions that Slate school considers in its mission & values. I am a resident of Hamden and am aware of a group of Hamden residents who are concerned that Slate school borders wetlands. However, I imagine these residents have not had a conversation with Slate or visited Slate. If they had, they would realize Slate school is the most environmentally & consciously constructed school in CT, and I dare say the country. The consultants they hired, the architect firm, the landscape architect, all have any eye toward sustainability and environmental stewardship. It's a nature based school. The idea that Slate would allow detrimental effects to a wetland or any land it inhabited is contradictory to its mission and values. From their own website:

Slate School's mission is to nurture lifelong learners who are deeply connected to nature; who seek beauty and art in the world around them; and who value wonder, curiosity, and collaboration. The design of the school is a tangible representation of that vision.

Additionally, Slate is a flagship school that North Haven and our area can be proud of. It is unique in its approach to child-driven, nature based learning. Just as New Haven has Hopkins, North Haven will one day be able to boast about the most sustainable, project based campus in the country destined to nurture future visionaries and innovators.

You may contact me should you have any questions,

Thank you,
Nicole Casbarro
81 Haverford St.
Hamden
203-645-8980

Alan Fredricksen

From: Osman Ahmetaj <osmanahmetaj04@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:58 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate Upper School Support Letter

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Good evening P&Z,

My name is Osman Ahmetaj and I am a resident of North Haven. I have a sibling at Slate School who has been enrolled since Kindergarten. I am constantly noticing the ways in which Slate School continues to help her become a better student who enjoys learning. Slate School has offered a tremendous amount of support to help my sister grow and I hope to continue to watch her grow at Slate Upper School. I am looking forward to the Slate Upper School plans at 5100 Ridge Road.

Osman Ahmetaj
Resident of North Haven
Sibling of Slate School Resident

Alan Fredricksen

From: Mary Jane Maturo <mjmaturo@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:10 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com
Subject: Fwd: Slate Upper School

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From: Mary Jane Maturo <mjmaturo@att.net>
Date: January 26, 2021 at 7:36:35 PM EST
To: "Fredricksen.alan@town.northhaven.ct.us" <Fredricksen.alan@town.northhaven.ct.us>
Cc: "TLee@FILLaw.com" <TLee@fillaw.com>
Subject: Slate Upper School

To: North Haven Planning & Zoning, % Alan Fredricksen

We have a family member who is flourishing at Slate School for three years. It has been the best choice for him. We are hoping he will be able to continue in this school for many more years, therefore, we would love for Slate School to be able to continue their plans for an Upper School on the property at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven, CT.

If you know anything about the parents at this school, you would know how environmentally conscious they are about researching any property they would consider this school to be located at.. They would not wish to cause any harm to property or those attending and working at this school. I am confident they have done their homework in researching this.

We hope they are given the opportunity to pursue their plan at this property. We are very supportive of this.

Thank you for this consideration.

Mary Jane and Edward Maturo
Hamden Residents

Alan Fredricksen

From: angela amendola <aoa01@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support - Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

I am a North Haven resident writing in support of the Slate Upper School expansion project at 5100 Ridge Road. My dear friends send their two children to Slate and they are thriving at the school. The proposal for the Slate Upper School seems to fit an important need within our community. Thank you for consideration approving this project.

SINCERELY,
ANGELA AMENDOLA
126 SPRING ROAD
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

Alan Fredricksen

From: Chloe Dunaj <dunajchloe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:22 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate Upper School Support Letter

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Hello P&Z,

My name is Chloe Dunaj and I am emailing you in regards to my support for Slate Upper School on 5100 Ridge Road. I am a resident of North Haven and my family friend's daughter has been enrolled since kindergarten and has provided her with the support she needed to excel in school. The school has helped her with her academic proficiency and has allowed her grow as an individual as a result. I hope Slate Upper School can continue to aid her on her educational needs and journey.

Thank you,
Chloe Dunaj

Alan Fredricksen

From: Nancy E. Germain <nancyegermain@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:26 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate Upper School, 5100 Ridge Rd.

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Dear Town Of North Haven,

I am writing this letter in favor of the Slate Upper School at the 5100 Ridge Road location. We have been so very excited for our grandchildren to have such a wonderful learning opportunity at Slate School. Please vote in favor of the continuation of this amazing program. Thank You!

Sincerely,
Proud Nana
Nancy E. Germain

Alan Fredricksen

From: GRETCHEN MARINO <gretchenmarino@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:31 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLAW.com; jmountcastle@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School project

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Hello Alan(North Haven P and Z):

I am writing to you as a neighbor and educator about my support for The Slate School project. This school is wonderful school that entails a creative and engaging curriculum for students of all ages. If I had children this age now, I would have enrolled them in this school. The Slate School has been a good neighbor and real estate property values have continued to stay high in this sought out area for homes. The Slate School is a one of a kind school and I believe in their curriculum and allowing the students to continue to higher grades in this school is appropriate. These children and their parents would like to continue to higher grades within the school so the students can graduate under this type of learning environment.

I feel the town of North Haven is fortunate to have such a unique school nearby for their children to attend if they would like to. Please allow this school project to continue. This school cherishes the natural environment that surrounds the school and I strongly believe it will also continue to take care of its property well.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Marino

Alan Fredricksen

From: Lauren Nickel <mathter1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:07 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Lauren Nickel, and I live at 300 Six Rod Hwy (off of Mt. Carmel Rd) in Hamden. I am writing to you in support of the Slate School's plans for their Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road.

I have visited Slate School at 124 Mansfield Road several times (my golden retriever is a therapy dog, and the students enjoy practicing reading aloud by reading their favorite stories to her), and I am very enthusiastic about the proposal for the Slate Upper School.

Sincerely,
Lauren Nickel

Alan Fredricksen

From: RYAN, CRISTINA <CRISTINA.RYAN@new-haven.k12.ct.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:15 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate School

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Cristina Ryan and I am a resident of the Town of North Haven and have been an educator for over 25 years. I am in full support of the Slate School and it's use of 5100 Ridge Road for the Upper School.

Since its opening in North Haven a few years ago, Slate School has been a welcome addition to our community. From its environmentally friendly campus to its talented staff and innovative teaching practices, Slate School is a one of a kind school which fosters creativity, curiosity and the love of learning in children. In a short time, Slate School has become a model school and has become an example of best practices in education. My participation in several of Slate School's Idea Lab free events has allowed me to see first-hand how Slate School generously shares its resources and knowledge with educators throughout the country and is committed to creating a global learning community.

I fully support Slate School and its plans for expansion and feel fortunate that our town is the home of such a magical place for learning.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cristina Ryan
District Instructional Coach
English Learners Department
New Haven Public Schools

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Colin Meyer <thesoldierstory@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:45 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com

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Hope you're well. My name is Kristen, I am a Hamden resident, and my little girl attends Slate School. As I'm sure you might know, they're planning to build an upper school in North Haven, on the spot of an abandoned church at 5100 Ridge rd. We've heard that there's been some push back from residents in the area. We're so sorry to hear this because Slate school has been such a huge blessing for our family, and so many others! We've been so fortunate to be able to send our daughter there, and hope that she can continue to attend in the years to come. Please consider allowing this incredible school to move forward with their plans. Their respect for the environment, and for the kids is astounding, and the world needs more schools like them, not to mention CT!

Thank you for understanding, and taking the time to read my email, and consider my request.

Colin Meyer

Alan Fredricksen

From: Colin Meyer <thesoldierstory@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:02 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate school

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Hi Alan,

I'm writing regarding the planning to build an upper school Slate school in North Haven, on the spot of an abandoned church at 5100 Ridge Rd. Please consider allowing our school to move forward with their plans. It's been a dream come true for us and our daughter to attend Slate, and we're hoping she can continue with the upper school.

Thank you for your consideration,
Colin Meyer

Alan Fredricksen

From: 116 Crown <116crown@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:10 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School

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Hello there,

I am writing this email in support of the Slate School. I reside at 34 Mather St. in Hamden and work in New Haven. I can think of no better addition to the North Haven community than the addition of another Slate school. It makes me jealous to think that the two towns I'm most involved in do not have such a wonderful place to call their own.

All best,
John Ginnetti

Sent from The Future.

Alan Fredricksen

From: Stephen Pape Nickel <snickel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Stephen Nickel and I reside at 300 Six Rod Highway in Hamden, which is just down the street from 5100 Ridge Road. I am writing to you in support of the Slate Upper School in hope that this letter of support will help the project move forward at 5100 Ridge Road.

I attended the information session held in the church at 5100 Ridge Road in 2017 for the Slate Lower School. Seeing the beautiful architecture and landscaping of the Slate Lower School at 124 Mansfield Road, I am confident that any structure constructed to replace the dilapidated church that currently resides at 5100 Ridge Road will be just as stunning.

Sincerely
Stephen Nickel
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re: Perspective on Slate School

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Statement of Support

I stumbled onto the Slate School after reading Erika Christakis's recent essay, "School Wasn't So Great Before Covid, Either," published in the December 2020 edition of *The Atlantic*. I wanted to learn more about Christakis, and my search led me to the visionary Education Idea Lab series hosted by Slate. As a lifelong educator with a personal investment in curiosity-driven practices, I felt as if I had stumbled onto a jackpot. I've been working my way through the series of conversations and am finding inspiration and kindred spirit in each conversation.

A slogan of Moravian College, one of my previous institutions, is "Be a Little Revolutionary." It seems obvious to me that now is precisely the time to be revolutionary and visionary in our thinking about children, youth, and education. Covid has forced many families into a new form of education that feels like a huge experiment. We can all learn and grow from this experience, and Slate is emerging as a leader in innovation and growth. Childhood is a developmental phase that needs to be treated as the unique time that it is. Slate excels at this. Of equal importance, the period of adolescence is a developmentally unique time that requires a deft touch coupled with sensitive practices. Slate School's model is a recipe for success for children fortunate enough to attend. Imagine the positive impact that would continue if Slate would grow to include the next level - an Upper School.

Slate School is a celebration of learning and the world of young learners. It's also an homage to visionary thinkers like Buckminster Fuller, John Dewey, and Maria Montessori. In fact, in *Education Automation*, Buckminster Fuller wrote about "solving problems by design competence" (41), and this seems to be a concept Slate is putting into action. Everything about the program and facility is intentional. We live in a world of big challenges. I believe Slate is already positioning its young learners to touch the future in a big way. Slate will be even better positioned to touch the future with the addition of an Upper School.

Alan Fredricksen

From: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:41 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: FW: Slate Upper School Support Letter

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From: Uliks Ahmetaj <uliksahmetaj1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 08:45 PM
To: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Subject: Fwd: Slate Upper School Support Letter

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From: Uliks Ahmetaj <uliksahmetaj1234@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 26, 2021, 8:45 PM
Subject: Slate Upper School Support Letter
To: <fredricksen@gmail.com>, <alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Dear P&Z,

My name is Uliks Ahmetaj and I am a resident of North Haven. My daughter is a 2nd grade student who has been enrolled at Slate School since Kindergarten. I am continuously witnessing her excitement to learn and grow through the environment provided by Slate School. We love the school so much and are extremely grateful to Slate School for giving her this educational opportunity. We are excited about the Slate Upper School plans at 5100 Ridge Road and look forward to continuing to see her grow and flourish.

Uliks Ahmetaj
Resident of North Haven
Parent of Slate School student

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Alan Fredricksen

From: sam <samandkazue@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:55 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Fwd: Support for Slate School Upper Campus

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Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My family wanted to express our support for Slate School's upper campus. Our daughter has been attending Slate School since the fall of 2019. We are residents of Hamden and support the upper campus for three main reasons.

1. Environmental Stewardship - Slate School has sustainability at the heart of its mission. As evidenced by its current campus, the school is a wonderful steward of its lands. We need more landowners with sustainability as a primary objective. For example, the school designed its facilities to have a low environmental footprint. I cannot think of a different project that would have this positive impact on our environment. Aside from sustainability in its facilities and operations, it is also training the next generation to be good environmental stewards. The impacts of this are hard to measure since they will accumulate and expand over time.

2. We need to support businesses in our community

Slate school brings in much needed jobs in our community. Moreover, these jobs are not just at the lowest income level, common with other businesses in our area. The school provides jobs at different levels from administrators, to teachers, to all of the wonderful support staff that makes a school run. The ripple effects of this local income help our community immensely. We need to support good businesses who provide good jobs and are good stewards of their lands.

3. Slate School Provides education to all regardless of income. Private schools are out of the reach of all but the most affluent in our community. We need to bridge this wealth and opportunity gap. Education is one of the best ways to accomplish this. Slate School is the only private school with 100% need blind admissions. We should support this type of education since it benefits all in our community, not just the wealthy.

In short, this is the type of enterprise that provides so many benefits to our community. For these reasons we strongly urge you to approve it.

Sincerely,

Sam, Kazue, and Eri Edwards
35 Renshaw Road
Hamden, CT 06518

Alan Fredricksen

From: Elizabeth Rivera <erivera0804@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLEE@Fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Proposed expansion of Slate School

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Good morning,

I'm writing to you today to advise you of my support for the expansion of this school community. The acquisition of the 5100 Ridge Road building will be an great asset to the neighborhood.

The Slate School located Mansfield Road has proven to be a good neighbor to the community. I'm positive they will bring that same positivity and respect to their new location.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Feel free to contact me if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Rivera
30 Woodlawn Street
Hamden, CT 06517

cell 203-464-3998

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse brevity & typos.

Alan Fredricksen

From: Tricia Buckley <tbuck6252@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: TLee@FILLaw.com;info@slateschool.org

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Good morning Alan:

I write in support of the Slate School proposal. As a resident of North Haven for nearly thirty years, I write in support of this alternative educational experience. While I also support the public school system of North Haven, this private and creative approach to education and learning serves a valuable and essential role in our community. Thank you for your full consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Tricia Buckley

Alan Fredricksen

From: Kellie Kaminskas <kellie.kaminskas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Tlee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.com
Subject: Slate Upper School

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Good morning Alan,

My name is Kellie Kaminskas and my son and I are residents of Hamden. My son, Preston has been accepted to Slate school and will be attending in the fall. I just wanted to send you an email in support of Slate School, and in building Slate Upper School on 5100 Ridge Road. All of the parents and staff at Slate school are very excited about expanding the school to higher grades for the current and future students. It is vital to their education to continue on in the same learning structure as they grow and move on to higher grades in the future. Slate School is absolutely remarkable in their style of teaching and learning, and I know for my son especially, this is the type of learning that suits him best and will help him thrive as a member of society and as the future generation of this world. Please take into consideration the importance of this, and I hope you have a nice day.

Thank you,
Kellie Kaminskas