

Slate Upper School Opposition

Updated and Supplemental Analysis
of Supporters
May 10, 2021

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Introduction to Opposition's Support Analysis

- The applicant claims to have emails from over 200 supporters. Really?
- Let's peel back that onion and analyze their support.
- Please refer to the large accompanying spreadsheet to see the actual data we culled from those emails (current as of 5/10/21). This is the meaning of the colored rows:

	Duplicates			
	Opponents			
	Lower School Students			
	Supporters in Groups A, B, and C who live outside North Haven and Hamden			
	Supporters in Groups D and E who live outside North Haven and Hamden			
	Supporters in Groups A, B, and C who didn't give any address info			
	Supporters in Groups D and E who didn't give any address info			

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Summary of Reasons for Support

- Supporters universally base their support on their favorable impression of Slate School's education model (or at least their belief that alternatives to traditional education are desirable). Many believe the applicant's claim that the Lower School is environmentally conscious and unobtrusive.
- Admirable, but irrelevant to the proposed site.
- These same people would feel the same way regardless of where the Upper School eventually gets located:
 - Almost none claim that 5100 Ridge Road is a good location for the proposed Upper School.
 - None considered the negative impact on the neighborhood or the failure of the proposal to meet many zoning requirements or conform to the Plan of Conservation and Development.

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Summary of Analysis

- The applicant claims to have 251 supporters, HOWEVER, from that subtract:
 - 251
 - 22 (duplicates)
 - 9 (kindergarten and first grade Slate School students)
 - 4 (actually opponents)
 - 28 (do not live in North Haven or Hamden)
 - 28 (did not provide an address)
 - 160 items of correspondence in support
- And the number of 160 includes persons having either a close affiliation with the Slate School (such as employees), parents of students, or having a close affiliation with the management / ownership of the Slate School.
- The following slides contain back-up data verifying the above analysis.

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Names That Must be Removed from List of Supporters
Orange, Green, and Purple Rows in the Spreadsheet

Last Name	First Name	Number	Street	Town	Reason	Number	Group
Labanara	Nancy	130	Millbrook Rd	North Haven	Duplicate	1	B
Lambert	Sarah	2271	Ridge Road	North Haven	Duplicate	1	C
Mangi	Johanne	5061	Ridge Road	North Haven	Opponent	1	C
Marra	Gina	380	Mansfield Rd	North Haven	Duplicate	1	A
Meyer	Colin			Hamden	Duplicate	1	B
Nezat	Andrea	26	Dorrance Place?	Hamden	Duplicate	1	A
Picanso	Kathryn	321	Blake Circle	Hamden	Duplicate	1	B
Pullano	Frank	777	Mt. Carmel Ave	North Haven	Duplicate	1	A
Slate School	Kindergarten & 1st grad	124	Mansfield Rd	North Haven	Students	9	C
Stearns	Bryant	30	Blue Hills Rd	North Haven	Duplicate	1	A
					A,B,C Dupl.	18	

Last Name	First Name	Number	Street	Town	Reason	Number	Group
Acampora	Maria	5060	Ridge Road	North Haven	Opponent	1	D
Dannenhoffer	Susan	1277	Mount Carmel Ave	North Haven	Opponent	1	D
Dannenhoffer	Alex	1277	Mount Carmel Ave	North Haven	Opponent	1	D
Benowitz	Anne	15	Marion Drive	North Haven	Duplicate	1	E
Bryant	Ruth	30	Blue Hills Road	North Haven	Duplicate	1	E
Burr	Alicia	41	Kings Highway	North Haven	Duplicate	1	D
Carney	Leslie		Land Use Office	North Haven	Duplicate	1	E
Carney	Leslie		Land Use Office	North Haven	Duplicate	1	E
Gambardella	Roz	1014	Hartford Tpke	North Haven	Duplicate	1	E
Greco	Dave	8	Mountain Brook	North Haven	Duplicate	1	B & E
Greco	Amy	8	Mountain Brook	North Haven	Duplicate	1	B & E
Halby	Cynthy				Duplicate	1	C & E
Luzzi	Charlotte	105	Kings Highway	North Haven	Duplicate	1	A & E
Luzzi	Joe	105	Kings Highway	North Haven	Duplicate	1	A & E
Mortali	Renee			Hamden	Duplicate	1	B & E
Smith	Abran			Chester	Duplicate	1	A & E
Smith	Kristin			Chester	Duplicate	1	A & E
					D,E Duplicate	17	
				Total Duplicates, A,B,C,D,E		35	

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Supporters Who Live Outside of North Haven/Hamden

Yellow and Grey Rows in the Spreadsheet

Last Name	First Name	Number	Street	Town	State	Group
Gibson	Lynn U	1520	Schoffers Road	Birdsboro	PA	B
Hayes	Chris			Cromwell	CT	A
Hayes	Tracy			Cromwell	CT	A
Kuka	Arber			Derby	CT	A
Kuka	Sherry			Derby	CT	A
Perrara	Dinesh (Prema Vora)	66-4	Cosey Beach Ave	East Haven	CT	A
Vora	Prema (Dinesh Perera)	66-4	Cosey Beach Ave	East Haven	CT	A
Ball	Stephanie	25	Palmer Place	Easton	CT	A
Pflug	Daniel (Stephanie Ball)	25	Palmer Place	Easton	CT	A
Young	Erika	58 (Unit 102)	Leonard St	Meriden	CT	A
Ditman	Bruce	45	Delsole Rd	Hamden	CT	B
Poston	Seth	62	Chestnut Tree Hill Rd E	Oxford	CT	A
Poston	Reanna	62	Chestnut Tree Hill Rd E	Oxford	CT	A
Sellari	Gabrielle	18	Abby Lane	Shelton	CT	A
Connery	Christianna			Southington	CT	A
Erbe	Kelly			Trumbull	CT	A
Erbe	Jeff			Trumbull	CT	A
Warner	Jen			Wallingford	CT	A
Fedotova	Evgeniya			Woodbridge	CT	A
					Total A,B, C	19
Last Name	First Name	Number	Street	Town	Reason	Group
Hardin	Rebecca	440	Church Street	Ann Arbor	MI	E
Mauro	Jean			Cheshire	CT	D
Andrews	Julianne			Milford	CT	E
Mehra	Amit			Milford	CT	D
Mehra	Margarita			Milford	CT	D
Swift	Joanne			Milford	CT	E
Levy	Jordan			Port Eliz.	So. Africa	E
Rivers	Don			Tolland	CT	E
Houlihan	Sean			Wallingford	CT	D
					Total D, E	9
					Total Outside	28

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Supporters Who Did Not Give Any Address Information

Blue Rows in the Spreadsheet

Last Name	First Name	Number	Street	Town	Reason	Group
Kenney	Grace					A
Smith	Abran					A
Cassy	Chick					B
Ellis	Bradley					B
Esposito	Marissa					B
Gade	Matt					B
Germain	Nancy E.					B
Harris	Anne					B
Herman	Barry					B
Marino	Gretchen					B
Paul	Matthew L.					B
Perriano	Justin					B
Trojanowski	Mark					B
Williams Sr	Edward					B
Aronson	Jane					C
Halby	Cynthy					C
Kenney	Katie					C
Ostroff	Wendy					C
Pellegrino	Clara					C
Chang	Jiyoun					D
Dorney	Liz					D
Lynch	Peg					D
Rescigno	Anthony					D
Reynolds	Denise					D
Starkey	David					D
Cuozzo	John					E
Smith	Emily					E
Wilson	Barbara Gene					E
Total						28

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Corrected Tally of Supporters

- Once the supporters' numerical data are corrected, we see that there are only 160 legitimate supporters.

Total # Entries	251				Group	Total #
Duplicates	-22					
Opponents	-4				A	50
Students	-9				B	69
Sub-Total	216				C	38
A,B,C Outsiders	-19				D	41
D,E Outsiders	-9				E	53
A,B,C No Address	-19				Total	251
D,E No Address	-9					
Net Total	160					

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Geographic Distribution of Supporters

- Where do the supporters live? It matters.

Location	A,B,C Number	D,E Number	Totals, A,B,C,D,E
# Hamden	32	18	50
# No Haven	69	41	110
# No Town	19	9	28
# Other Towns	19	9	28
Total	139	77	216

- Only 50 supporters live in Hamden, and only 110 live in North Haven. Interesting.
- All of the 149 opponents we have counted live in North Haven or Hamden.

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How Many Opponents Are There?

- This is a comparable evaluation of how many opponents there are.

Location	Paper	Online	Total
North Haven	71	18	89
Hamden	51	9	60
Wallingford	1	2	3
Trumbull	0	1	1
Naugatuck	0	1	1
Out of State	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	123	43	166

- Only counting opponents who live in North Haven and Hamden, there are 149 opponents compared to 160 supporters living in those same two towns. Interesting.

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How Many Supporters and Opponents Live Near the Proposed Site?

	Supporters	Opponents
Within 1 mile	5	38
Within 1/2 mile	13	36
Total Within 1 mile	18	74

Only 18 supporters, or 9.6%, live within 1-mile of the proposed site, compared to 74 opponents (49%) who live within that same radius.

While there are nearly the same number of supporters as opponents living in North Haven and Hamden, *there are 4-times as many opponents living within 1-mile of the proposed site as there are supporters.*

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Many Supporters Have Relationships with the Lower School

- A total of 101, or 53.7%, have a direct connection to the Lower School –they have a personal agenda or vested interest in wanting the Upper School.
- Within North Haven and Hamden alone, 75 supporters identified a relationship with the Lower School
- The following slides contain the data to back this up.

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Relationships Between Supporters and Slate School

A total of 101 supporters identified their relationship as follows

Support Reason	Numbers Groups A, B, C	Numbers Groups D & E	Totals, All 5 Groups	% of Total
Parent	36	4	40	21.3%
Friend of Parent	13	2	15	8.0%
Works at school	9	2	11	5.9%
Neighbor	9	2	11	5.9%
Future Parent	3	0	3	1.6%
Grandparent	3	0	3	1.6%
Sibling	3	0	3	1.6%
Clarks Good People	3	0	3	1.6%
Friend of Teacher	3	0	3	1.6%
Environ. Conscious	1	0	1	0.5%
Family of Student	2	1	3	1.6%
Relation w/student	1	0	1	0.5%
Friend of Clarks	1	2	3	1.6%
Friend of Student	0	1	1	0.5%
Total	87	14	101	53.7%

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Relationships Between Supporters and Slate School Hamden and North Haven Supporters Only

Support Reason	Total, Hamden	Total, North Haven	Total, Hamden + NoH
Parent	13	6	19
Friend of Parent	9	6	15
Works at school	2	7	9
Neighbor	0	11	11
Future Parent	1	0	1
Grandparent	1	0	1
Sibling	3	2	5
Clarks Good People	0	3	3
Friend of Teacher	3	2	5
Environ. Conscious	1	0	1
Family of Student	3	0	3
Relation w/student	0	1	1
Friend of Clarks	0	0	0
Friend of Student	1	0	1
Total	37	38	75

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Conclusions

- The decision to approve this application is neither a popularity contest, nor a vote.
- The opinions of people with a vested interest, or who don't live close to the proposed site, should not count.
- While there are a nearly equal number of supporters (160) and opponents (149) in North Haven and Hamden, *4-times as many opponents as supporters live within 1-mile of the site (74 vs 18)*.
- The opinions of neighbors who live near the proposed site, and whose lives will be negatively impacted by the approval of the proposed Upper School, should count more than opinions of supporters from distant areas such as Birdsboro, PA, Ann Arbor, MI, and Port Elizabeth, South Africa!
- Likewise for the opinions of those people who did not bother to list their address.
- We urge the Commission to look beyond the inflated claims of support, and deny this application.