

I have been a resident of the Stonehaven community since November 2019 and ask the Charles County Commissioners to **deny** the approval of Docket 90 Amendment #22-90(22) relocating the middle school from the Villages of Wooded Glen Neighborhood #3.

Having two schools located within walking distance or short drive to the Stonehaven community was an attractive selling point when deciding to purchase. The schools locations not only positively impact our property value, it adds a sense of safety with the added police presence that's usually around schools, and ensures the CCPS continue to build schools in communities that will be ethnically diverse. With the recent school redistricting, the elementary and middle school children were moved to schools that are farther away from our community and less ethnic than our community. I have two elementary aged grandchildren that live with me and we would prefer they attend a school closer to home, as it is they bypass two schools to get to their current school.

Secondly, all of us purchasing in these newly built Charles County communities pay the Fair School Construction Excise Tax which ensures money is allocated for the construction of schools to keep up with the population growth. I acknowledge all of the communities in our area are large, but compared to the number of communities near the proposed new location appears significant taxes are being paid to build a needed school in a community that our children will likely not be zoned to attend. Not to mention the concern of the volume of traffic in the area of the new proposed location and proximity to power lines.

Lastly, it is extremely difficult to find information explaining why the Board of Education (BOE) supports the relocation of the new school. Research conducted by several members of our community have found the BOE thinks it's confusing for residents/parents to comment on this issue and the developer may possibly have a reduced number of acres because of a required buffer zone.

Since the masterplan of building two schools in the Highlands community is approved and building is underway, I propose the County Commissioners ask the developer to:

- (1) request permission to reduce the buffer zone;
- (2) build a slightly smaller or taller middle school to comply with the buffer zone requirements;
and/or
- (3) propose a new site location that's on St. Charles Parkway going into the direction of LaPlata

Thanks for your support and consideration.

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