

Paramount Schools Petition to Re-Zone – 2023-ZON-109

The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township in opposition to the rezoning petition filed by the charter school Paramount Schools, 2023-ZON-109, offers statements from the following:

1. Councilor John Barth
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23. Dr. Wanda Thruston



**THE COUNCIL
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
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JOHN BARTH
Councilor, District 7

March 14, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission –

I represent City-County Council District 7, and I write in opposition to the petition to rezone the property at 5136 Michigan Road, docket number 2023-ZON-109. Washington Township Schools and its community would be adversely impacted by opening a new school at this location as this new, large school is inconsistent with the City's stated Comprehensive Plan, the proposal does not resolve substantial traffic concerns, and the continued oversaturation of schools in Indianapolis is of concern. I am also concerned with the process charter school authorizers use in general and want to ensure that there is robust community engagement long before any decision to authorize a new school in Indianapolis.

I, therefore, oppose the rezoning petition filed by Paramount Schools of Excellence, Inc., 2023-ZON-109. If you have any questions, please contact me at john.barth@indy.gov.

Sincerely,

John Barth
City-County Councilor
District 7



**THE COUNCIL
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Daniel L. Boots
Councillor - District 3

February 28, 2024

Department of Metropolitan Development
Attn: Board of Zoning Appeals
200 East Washington Street, Suite 1842
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Zoning Petition 2023-ZON-109 – 5136 Michigan Road

To the Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

I represent City-County Council District 3, which includes portions of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township (MSDWT) (“Washington Township Schools”). The parcel that is the subject of the above petition lies within MSDWT. Washington Township Schools and its community would be heavily, and adversely, impacted by Paramount Schools of Excellence opening a new school at 5136 Michigan Road as this new, large school is unnecessary, inconsistent with the City’s stated comprehensive plan, generates significant traffic issues, is unwanted by the local community, and is out of compliance with environmental standards.

A point that has truly concerned me in this matter has been Paramount’s lack of transparency in its preparations surrounding this rezoning effort. Throughout this entire process, Paramount has avoided public engagement and concealed its efforts. Paramount was not authorized by the Mayor’s Office, as was done with their other schools located within the City, but instead obtained authorization from Trine University—175 miles north in Angola, Indiana. Upon securing a charter from Trine, Paramount then purportedly held a “public” hearing in Pike Township – *not* Washington Township. Not surprisingly, not one member of the public attended that gathering, which suggests no one was aware of Paramount’s ultimate intentions. It wasn’t until after local residents raised concerns following their receipt of the mandatory re-zoning notices, did Paramount reluctantly attend a true neighborhood public meeting held on January 3, 2024, initiated and planned by the Highland Kessler Civic League (HKCL). (Such public meetings are commonly held *before* a rezoning petition is filed in situations like this if a petitioner is truly seeking to be a good neighbor in the community.)

Another instance of their lack of transparency is that at that January 3rd public meeting, which I personally attended, Paramount representatives stated that their traffic study was “in process” and should be completed before January 15, 2024. To our dismay, we later learned their initial traffic study was actually completed *well before that in November 2023*. Still to that January date, Paramount had failed to submit that traffic study to the City’s planning department, nor had Paramount alerted prospective parents, neighbors, or the City that it intended to open a school serviced by a septic tank and not connected to sanitary sewer, *contrary to public health standards*. Now, other charter schools have openly discussed at public meetings potentially co-locating with Paramount, something that

Paramount has never formally disclosed to my knowledge. Paramount's lack of transparency and failure to disclose important information throughout this process raises serious concerns about this entire project and their ultimate intentions here.

Second, Paramount's plan also fails to comply with the City's Comprehensive Plan (the "Plan"). The City and its talented planning department and elected representatives have spent countless hours and taxpayer dollars to evaluate the City's neighborhoods, establish appropriate uses, and create the Plan for the entirety of Indianapolis. Here, Paramount's plan is inconsistent with those recommended uses.

Paramount's use—or at least what Paramount has publicly disclosed—would greatly intensify the use at this location inconsistent with the Plan. Instead of a church with limited activity, the site would be transformed to an intense daily use with considerable overlap with critical rush-hour traffic patterns. Adding to that intensity is the fact that there are numerous other schools already in the immediate area, including Crooked Creek Elementary School (less than 1 mile), International School of Indiana (less than 1 mile away), St. Monica School (approx. 1.5 miles away), The Children's House (approx. 1.5 miles away), not to mention Fox Hill Elementary, New Augusta Public Academy, Guion Creek Elementary and Middle School, and The Orchard School, each of which are about 3 miles away.

This saturation of schools in this area—many of which have been there for decades—is precisely why the Plan does not allow a large school (10 acres or more) like Paramount's to be present in this area, and why the preferred use is rural or estate (or religious use). Ultimately, the City's planning team and elected representatives evaluated the neighborhood and, through the Comprehensive Plan, deemed that it did not want such an intense use in that area along four-lane Michigan Road. Adding to that detrimental intensity is the fact that now at least one other charter school (Purdue Polytechnic) has publicly discussed co-locating with Paramount, suggesting that Paramount's public representations are, once again, less than fully transparent. There are numerous sites around the City where Paramount could locate without having to re-zone the relevant parcel(s).

The oversaturation of schools in Indianapolis is a real issue, and is not to be taken lightly. Washington Township is already served by a world-class public school district, Washington Township Schools, that provides outstanding STEM offerings *for all grades* of diverse genders, races, ethnicities, and socio-economic history. A charter school like Paramount is simply not needed in Washington Township as its female and/or black students already perform above Marion County and State averages. (See **Exhibit A**).¹ This oversaturation creates an enhanced risk of closure, which then creates an abandoned building, families often left with nowhere to send their kids to school timely, and neighborhood blight. That is not what this neighborhood needs (or wants).²

Third, Paramount's concealed traffic study raises significant safety concerns. Paramount never intended to relay its initial traffic study to City staff, and when it did, DPW required significant

¹ Indeed, in November 2023, James Betley, the Executive Director of the Indiana Charter School Board (ICSB), stated that the ICSB no longer authorizes charter schools in Marion County. In his words, "It's too crowded. It's oversaturated. There are too many schools." In 2019, Tindley Academy closed its single-gender STEM-focused charter school after poor enrollment—and that was *before* the ICSB declared oversaturation within the City.

² The opposition against this re-zoning to accommodate another Paramount School in Marion County (in Washington Township specifically) is extensive. Community organizations in opposition include the Highland Kessler Civic League, Indianapolis Education Justice Coalition, MSDWT, Pike Parent Network, Washington Township Parent Council Network, and Washington Township Parents in Support of Public Education. See **Exhibit B**.

infrastructure changes. The changes proposed by DPW warrant further review, however, because it is unclear if nearby sidewalks need to be moved to accommodate the infrastructure changes. More particularly, Paramount has stated publicly that it has enough linear drive on its property to queue the multitude of cars dropping off and picking up kids before and after school, but that's not what Paramount's own traffic engineer concluded. In fact, the traffic engineer Paramount *initially* retained said significant driveway would need to be added to the property in order to provide sufficient queue for the cars dropping students off. Paramount apparently did not like that advice and shopped around for a second opinion, and thereafter retained a new traffic engineer, who ultimately provided not a full study, but rather a simple short review. The second traffic study, however, *had a fatal error* - it assumed Paramount would offer bus transportation like other true public schools. This is simply not the case - at the HKCL January 3rd meeting I attended Paramount admitted it will not be offering any transportation whatsoever. Again, Paramount's hastily drawn-up plan intensifies use at the property without addressing significant safety issues visited upon its own families and those traveling in snarled traffic along Michigan Road, especially during morning and afternoon rush hour.

Finally, Paramount again has not told the whole story by failing to address why it believes it's safe to put kids in a school with a septic tank system and not sanitary sewers. Indiana health standards currently require specific parameters for commercial septic systems, *and even more specific standards for commercial systems for schools*. Paramount has not presented any information that its septic system can accommodate the additional load. There is a sanitary sewer line within 300 feet of the church structure, but Paramount has not indicated it will connect to that sewer. My understanding is that all the other nearby schools are indeed connected to sewer. Paramount does not appear to have obtained any clearance or authorization to be exempted from this important public health requirement, especially since it has stated its intent to engage in agricultural activities on the property, including planting crops and caring for livestock.

All things considered, oversaturation of this area is out of alignment with the Comprehensive Plan and raises serious traffic safety and public health concerns, while enhancing the risk that the charter school will eventually close, which many of them do, leaving yet another abandoned building, is not what is in the best interest of this community.

For at least the above reasons, I oppose the rezoning petition filed by Paramount Schools of Excellence. Should you have any questions, please contact me at Dan.Boots@Indy.gov or 317-327-4242. Thank you.

Your truly,



Daniel L. Boots
City-County Councilor
District 3

EXHIBIT A

STEM PROGRAMMING

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS



ELEMENTARY LEVEL

STEM-based instruction occurs DAILY in our elementary classrooms, and all students engage in a weekly exploratory arts rotation focused on technology.

MIDDLE LEVEL

WTS middle schools offer Project Lead the Way courses, including Design and Modeling, Automation and Robotics, App Creator, and Medical Detectives. Students can take math and science courses for high school credit. Extra/co-curricular opportunities, including robotics club are also available.



HIGH SCHOOL

WTS high school students are offered a wide variety of STEM opportunities, including a core curriculum rich in STEM content, Project Lead the Way courses, college and career-based courses, and extra/co-curricular opportunities, including robotics club and esports.



All of our WTS STEM course offerings and diverse learning experiences occur in beautifully redesigned and renovated spaces, thanks to the support of our community!



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Washington Township Schools Achievement Snapshot

- ★ **WT Females** outperformed WT Males on recent state-standardized science assessments
- ★ Of the **top 100 graduating seniors** from 2023, 64 of the students were female
- ★ **WTS Black students** outperformed the state average by nearly 12 percent and the charter average by nearly 20 percent last year on IREAD
- ★ **WTS Black students** outperformed the state average and charter average in both SATs last year and were the highest performing out of 10 other school districts of similar size and demographics
- ★ **WTS had the best pandemic academic recovery** on IREAD in Marion County

EXHIBIT B

Why Do Our Communities Oppose a New Paramount Charter School?



▶ LACK OF ENGAGEMENT

- We are **disappointed** in Girl Scouts of Central Indiana for not reaching out to Washington Township district leadership to better understand our existing wealth of STEM curriculum available to all our students.
- We are **disheartened** that Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, who has been a "partner" with our schools for so many years, is now **choosing to compete** with our schools to get students and funding.

▶ TRANSPARENCY ISSUES

- Frustration and challenges with transparency and the **lack of outreach**.
- Informed through a rezoning notice, there was **no good faith public hearing for the authorization of charter itself**.
- **Lack of openness** to public.
- The authorizer is located **three hours away** from our community and making decisions for us with **no knowledge about our needs**.

▶ OVERSATURATION

- We spend a lot of time and money on too many schools that **exhaust the "system."** Even the Indiana Charter School Board's executive director recently said, "We're not authorizing in Indianapolis anymore...It's too crowded. It's oversaturated. There are too many schools."
- **Exacerbates the teacher shortage** and pipeline problems. How is this part of a solution to the teacher pipeline issues we face? There are vacancies throughout every district in Marion county. The solution is not opening more schools and creating more inefficiencies and redundancies.
- **Causes student transiency and instability**, which hurts students. It's not good for kids to be moving schools, and having to adjust repeatedly to different curriculum, rules and classmates. It's better for children to have continuity and stability.
- The more students change schools, the more it impacts our school communities and makes it more likely that we are going to be receiving students **requiring far more**

▶ SINGLE GENDER MODEL

- **Failed model.** Tindley tried this years ago and has already closed and consolidated. A major concern for that closure was they didn't feel like those kids were making a good transition to a coed high school.
- It's **not innovative**. This has been tried, and it didn't work. It didn't prove to close an achievement gap.
- It's **not inclusive** and inherently excludes half the population.

▶ FRAGMENTED AND STRAINED RESOURCES

- Concerned about funding. Losing up to 300 students boils down to a potential **loss of nearly \$3 million annually**. This directly impacts our resources, as we continue to grow a student enrollment that has more complex needs, particularly the needs of our English Language Learners.
- Funding is critical to our ability to continue to offer the supports our students need. This **harms our ability to keep offering high quality programs** while the number of students we serve grows.

▶ REZONING CONCERNS

- **Traffic study lack of transparency.** Paramount's own traffic study was kept quiet. Their own study noted serious concerns with one lane in and one lane out at the property.
- Paramount's traffic study calls for 1) within the property, two lanes out, 2) a southbound right turn in lane off of Michigan Rd., 3) a northbound exit lane off of Michigan Rd. and 4) more cueing space for cars to line up at drop off and pick up. **None of these recommendations are in their plan.** Both (2) and (3) would **require acquisition of additional property** from nearby landowners/residents.
- The campus is operating under a **septic tank and not tied into the sewer system**. This is very alarming with the proposed STEM outdoor activities and raises red flags for health and safety of students, employees and neighboring residents.



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Ali Brown
Vice President
District 10

March 7, 2024

Department of Metropolitan Development
Attn: Board of Zoning Appeals
200 East Washington Street, Suite 1842
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Zoning Petition 2023-ZON-109 — 5136 Michigan Road

To the Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

I represent Indianapolis City-County Council District 10 in Lawrence Township. I am also the mother of a school aged child who attends a MSD of Lawrence Township elementary school. I am writing today in opposition of the Paramount Schools of Excellence opening a new school at 5136 Michigan Road. This charter school is inconsistent with the City's stated comprehensive plan, generates significant traffic issues, is unwanted by the local community, and is out of compliance with environmental standards.

This school is unnecessary and will divert funds away from a school system that by all standards is one of the best in the county. The city, especially Washinton Township, is already oversaturated with schools; public, private and charter. So much so, that the charter was denied at both the city and state level for this exact reason. I also take offense that Trine University, located 160 miles away in a city with a population less than 9,000, believes it knows better than locals as to what we need.

I also oppose charter schools, because, based on state statute, they can discriminate against children with disabilities. They can deny a child with disabilities entry into the school and/or when a disability is identified the child can be removed from the school. They are also not equipped to provide the support that is need for neurodivergent students. As the mother of a child with disabilities, it turns my stomach to know that taxpayer dollars would be given to a school that can deny entry to my child because of a disability he was born with. We do not believe in discriminating against vulnerable communities in this state.

I do believe our public school system needs to do better, however, siphoning money away from them to an untested, expensive, and redundant school is wrong. This will harm the remaining students in Washington Township Schools far more than it would benefit those who may attend.

Thank you,

Ali Brown
Vice President
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March 4, 2024

Department of Metropolitan Development
Attn: Metropolitan Development Commission
200 E. Washington Street, Suite 1842
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Zoning Petition 2023-ZON-109 – 5136 Michigan Road

To the Metropolitan Development Commission:

Good afternoon. My name is Jesse Brown and I am the City County Councilor for District 13, the near East side of Indianapolis. I'm speaking today because I have firsthand experience relevant to this hearing.

Behind me today we see a large number of people who are very passionate, on both sides of the aisle. Though there are very real issues with zoning and land use, these issues are made much more vitriolic and emotional because of the elephant in the room:

Charter schools.

I wanted to share my firsthand experience: I taught at a charter high school for three and a half years. While I was there, for the first three years, I would have been a person insisting that charter schools perform a valuable and necessary role in the education landscape. My peers were hard working, we all loved our students, and we worked extremely hard to teach our students.

But then one day, we educators were summoned to a mandatory all-staff meeting. At that meeting, we heard a few updates.

Our first update was that our healthcare benefits were going to almost double in cost year over year. We were told that as teachers, we were the ones responsible for this because we visited the doctor too often.

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JESSE BROWN

FOR CITY COUNCIL
INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT 13

The second update was that we were moving to a year round school model and adding 38 days of staff work days to our calendar. That worked out to 18 percent more work every year, and we were offered an 8 percent raise in our annual salaries.

For those in the audience who are laymen and not professional educators, I can do the math for you and tell you that's known as a pay cut.

So from that moment onward, I came to believe that for the health, welfare, and dignity of educators and support staff, a union is an absolute requirement for our schools.

However, I don't accept any framing that insinuates that workers' rights are in conflict with what is best for students.

Later that same year, my school's administrators unilaterally and against teachers' desires chose to stop the most effective and useful portions of the charter's model. We replaced two full days of internships in the community with ineffective test prep. Student attendance and morale immediately plummeted. For what it's worth, the administrator who delivered these truly infuriating messages now works in a high position at Purdue Polytechnic.

The fact of the matter is that charter schools, even when they are performing well as Paramount tends to, are a much higher risk than public schools. They're a higher risk for students, for teachers, and for neighborhoods.

My point today is not that charter schools should require different standards in front of this hearing than any other organization. It's to provide context around the raised emotions on both sides of this issue.

My constant insistence on any contentious matters like the one in front of us today is that pushing through a rezoning or variance at the MDC or BZA is not the appropriate way to handle them. When we have such a large turnout in the middle of a workday, that is a sign that further conversations are necessary and a warning that the city should not yet be taking sides.

The leaders at Paramount may or may not have fulfilled the legal notice and public hearing requirements that constitute the minimum amount of community engagement required. But I think anyone can look around this room and see that

JESSE BROWN

FOR CITY COUNCIL

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT 13

moving forward with any changes will lead to large numbers of people feeling very frustrated.

The debate over charter schools is an intense one. Many charters have failed, causing damage to students and their communities. Teachers have a very real and intense concern that their livelihoods are threatened by the charter model.

Paramount did not create this situation, but they should certainly be aware of it and act accordingly.

In my district, Paramount operates several schools, and the organization has a good reputation. They have built trust with neighbors and found a way forward. So I know it's possible. But it has not yet happened for this new proposed school.

Moving forward with any rezoning today would be a grave mistake. It would deepen the community's belief that Paramount is attempting to compete with Washington Township schools and destroy the teacher's union. It would send a message to less savory charter operators that communities surrounding charter schools have no rights and will be trampled.

This is a time for conversation, understanding each other, and trying to find compromise. It's absolutely the wrong time for the city to grant the appearance of putting our thumb on the scale.

As such I urge you to reject the rezoning being requested today.

Sincerely,

Jesse Brown
City-County Council, District 13





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CRISTA CARLINO
Councillor, District 11

March 6, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission –

I represent City-County Council District 11, and I write in opposition to the petition to rezone the property at 5136 Michigan Road, docket number 2023-ZON-109. Washington Township Schools and its community would be adversely impacted by Paramount Schools of Excellence opening a new school at this location as this new, large school is inconsistent with the City's stated Comprehensive Plan, the proposal does not resolve substantial traffic concerns, and the continued oversaturation of schools in Indianapolis is not good for development.

But first I wish to address how Paramount has not been transparent. Rather than follow the customary process of a good charter school by obtaining authorization from the Mayor's Office, Paramount instead obtained authorization from Trine University—175 miles north in Angola, Indiana. And Paramount purports to have held a public hearing in Pike Township, but no one attended, suggesting no one was aware due to lack of notice. Then, after a vigilant neighborhood association initiated a public meeting after members received their re-zoning notices in the mail, Paramount represented that it was working on a traffic study, only to later reveal it was concealing a study that had been completed months prior. Good Indianapolis neighbors and developers do not behave this way.

Paramount's plan is out of line with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City and its planning department and elected representatives expended resources and taxpayer dollars to evaluate the City's neighborhoods, establish appropriate uses, and create the Comprehensive Plan. Here, Paramount's plan is inconsistent with these uses.

Paramount's use—or at least what Paramount has publicly said—would greatly intensify the use at this location. Instead of a church with limited activity, the site would be transformed to an intense daily use that overlaps with important rush-hour traffic patterns. There are many schools nearby, which have been there for decades. In the end, the City's planning team and elected representatives evaluated the neighborhood and through the



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Councillor, District 11

Comprehensive Plan said it does not want intense use in this area. That is why the Rural and Estate uses for this area do **not** include schools when other residential areas **do** explicitly state that schools are appropriate. What is more, at least one other charter school has publicly discussed co-locating with Paramount, suggesting that Paramount's public representations are, once again, less than transparent. There are plenty of other sites in the City where Paramount can locate without re-zoning.

The oversaturation of schools in Indianapolis is concerning. Washington Township is already served by a world-class public school, Washington Township Schools, that provides outstanding STEM offerings for all grades of diverse genders, races, ethnicities, and socio-economic history. And nearby are other schools that also provide for their students in stable, proven models. In November 2023, James Betley, the executive director of the Indiana Charter School Board stated that the ICSB no longer authorizes charter schools in Marion County. "It's too crowded. It's oversaturated. There are too many schools." In 2019, Tindley Academy closed its single-gender STEM-focused charter school after poor enrollment—and that was *before* the ICSB declared oversaturation within the City. This oversaturation creates enhanced risk of closure, which then creates an abandoned building and neighborhood blight. That is not what this neighborhood needs.

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In conclusion, oversaturation of this area out of alignment with the Comprehensive Plan that raises serious traffic safety concerns while enhancing risk that the charter school will close, leaving an abandoned building, is not what is needed here.

I, therefore, oppose the rezoning petition filed by Paramount Schools of Excellence, Inc., 2023-ZON-109. If you have any questions, please contact me at Crista.Carlino@indy.gov.

Sincerely,

City-County Councillor
District 11



**THE COUNCIL
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JARED EVANS
Councilor, District 17

March 13, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission –

I represent City-County Council District 17, and I write in opposition to the petition to rezone the property at 5136 Michigan Road, docket number 2023-ZON-109. Washington Township Schools and its community would be adversely impacted by Paramount Schools of Excellence opening a new school at this location as this new, large school is inconsistent with the City's stated Comprehensive Plan, the proposal does not resolve substantial traffic concerns, and the continued oversaturation of schools in Indianapolis is not good for development.

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Sincerely,



Jared Evans
City-County Councilor
District 17



**THE COUNCIL
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Ron Gibson
Councilman, District 8

March 13, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission –

I represent City-County Council District 8, and I write in opposition to the petition to rezone the property at 5136 Michigan Road, docket number 2023-ZON-109. Washington Township Schools and its community would be adversely impacted by Paramount Schools of Excellence opening a new school at this location as this new, large school is inconsistent with the City's stated Comprehensive Plan, the proposal does not resolve substantial traffic concerns, and the continued oversaturation of schools in Indianapolis is not good for development.

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Sincerely,

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**THE COUNCIL
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KRISTIN JONES
Councilor, District 18

March 17, 2024

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Sincerely,

Kristin Jones
Indianapolis City-County Councilor
District 18



**THE COUNCIL
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FRANK MASCARI
Councillor, District 21

March 7, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission –

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City-County Councillor
District 19



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Andy Nielsen
Councilor – District 14

Metropolitan Development Commission
200 East Washington Street, 2042
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 18, 2024

Chair Dillon & Commissioners –

I serve as the City-County Councilor for District 14, and I write in opposition to 2023-ZON-109 filed by Paramount Schools of Excellence, Inc. (petitioner). I ask that the Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC) deny the petitioner's request to rezone property at 5136 Michigan Road.

After hearing extensively from members of the Washington Township Schools and reviewing the current petition materials, I believe that a new school at this location would have an adverse impact on the surrounding community. This is most evident by the severe lack of community engagement and the petitioner's use of Trine University – an authorizer that is not accountable to elected officials in Marion County. I am also concerned with the proposal's insufficient analysis on how saturation of schools in this area will affect traffic controls and impact children's safety when traveling to and from school. Additionally, it remains unclear if the petitioner has received proper clearance and authorization for the use of septic tanks or if the school intends to connect to sewer, leaving a significant public health matter and consideration still in question.

For these reasons, I oppose the rezoning petition and ask that the MDC deny the petitioner's request.

Sincerely,

Andy Nielsen
City-County Councilor – District 14



**THE COUNCIL
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NICK ROBERTS
Councilor, District 4

March 14, 2024

Metropolitan Development Commission
200 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 4620

Dear Members of the Metropolitan Development Commission:

I write to express my formal remonstrance against Petition Number 2023-ZON-109 (5136 Michigan Road), the subject property of which is within my City-County Council District 4. The local community and school district would be adversely impacted by Paramount Schools of Excellence opening a new school at this location. The proposed school is inconsistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, does not adequately address substantial traffic concerns, and continues oversaturation of schools in Indianapolis.

First, I wish to address Paramount's community engagement. Instead of obtaining authorization through the Mayor's Office, as is customary, Paramount obtained authorization from Trine University—175 miles north in Angola, Indiana. Paramount states they held a public hearing in Pike Township, but no one attended, raising questions about the notice given to the community. At a subsequent community meeting organized by a neighborhood association, Paramount represented they were working on a traffic study, only to later reveal the study had been completed months prior. Finally, I am under the impression there were multiple traffic studies presented by Paramount, one of which seems to be only a review. I am concerned about the traffic queue at a school off Michigan Road, especially in an age where traffic safety is of utmost importance to Indianapolis.

Paramount's proposed plan is out of line with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City expended resources to evaluate the City's neighborhoods, establish appropriate uses, and create the Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, the Comprehensive Plan should be regarded as a guide for approving projects like this one. The proposed use would increase the area's density. The current, limited Church traffic would be subjected to daily school traffic. There are many schools nearby, which have been there for decades. The Comprehensive Plan advises against dense use. Rural and Estate uses for this area do not include schools, while other residential areas do. Moreover, at least one other charter school has publicly discussed co-locating with Paramount, suggesting there may be plans for further expansion in the near future. There are many sites in the City that are zoned for such use, in areas where it would be more appropriate.

Washington Township is already served by world-class public school system, Washington Township Schools. Other nearby schools also provide for their students in stable, proven models. In November 2023, the Indiana Charter School Board (ICSB)



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indicated they will no longer authorize charter schools in Marion County due to oversaturation. This oversaturation creates enhanced risk of closure, which then creates an abandoned building and neighborhood blight. Such a situation would be counter to the goals of the neighborhood.

In conclusion, please allow this letter to serve as my official remonstrance against Petition Number 2023-ZON-109. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully,

Councilor Nick Roberts
Councilor, District 4

Annette M. Johnson
Pike Township Trustee

*5665 Lafayette Rd. Suite C
Indianapolis, Indiana 46254*

To Rezoning Board:

I ask you to reject the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road, Case Number, 2023-ZON-109. The rezoning of this property to allow another charter school to open up will have a negative impact on the quality of life and quality of education not only in Washington Township, but in Pike Township and across Indianapolis. As the elected leader of the Pike Township Fire Department, I am especially worried that the turning of this property into a charter school as currently proposed will have a negative impact on traffic safety. The leadership of this charter school seemingly tried to keep quiet the results of its own traffic study. The school will not service; so every student will need to drop off and pick up. Our Fire Department is often called out to this very busy stretch of road for accidents, already. Without major changes, I am deeply worried that we will create unsafe traffic conditions on Michigan Road. Essentially, the traffic study showed that major construction needs to be done on Michigan Road and on the property itself to create a safer student drop-off zone. Their traffic study called for multiple turn/exit lanes on Michigan Road, the acquisition of nearby residential properties, and more drop off line space for the morning and afternoon carlines.

If allowed to go forward as is, there could be unsafe congestion spilling from the property onto Michigan Road and putting the safety of young families and school workers at risk. I am also alarmed that the campus will be operating on a septic tank and not connected to the city system. This could cause environmental and health problems for students, school employees, and neighborhood residents alike. More so, I think the rezoning of this property is bad public policy for the city of Indianapolis. At a January meeting, Paramount leadership confirmed that they were anti-union and would fight any attempt of staff to seek collective bargaining. We need employers that will respect the rights of employees. Meanwhile, Washington Township and Pike Township Schools already exist in the area with strong STEM programs. This unnecessary school could take \$3 million dollars a year out of school budgets without solving any of the economic inequality problems that plague our students, education systems, and community. Please reject this zoning request.

Sincerely,

Annette M. Johnson, Trustee
Pike Township

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW PARAMOUNT SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE
CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATING IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the legal process to create new charter schools in Indiana require public approvals, public hearings, and approval from an authorizer;

WHEREAS, our community recently discovered that Paramount School of Excellence, Inc. (“Paramount”) seeks to open a charter school on the border of the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township and the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township;

WHEREAS, Paramount did not obtain authorization for the new charter school from the City of Indianapolis Mayor’s Office, as it has done in the past, but instead obtained authorization from Trine University in Angola, Indiana, 175 miles north of Indianapolis;

WHEREAS, Paramount did not adequately solicit input from surrounding neighbors or community organizations prior to filing a petition to rezone the property or prior to pursuing a charter school;

WHEREAS, Marion County residents are not well served by another charter school as the Executive Director of the Indiana Charter School Board James Betley said in a November 30, 2023, article¹, “[The Indiana Charter School Board] do[esn’t] authorize in Indianapolis any more, really. It’s too crowded. It’s oversaturated. There are too many schools.”;

WHEREAS, the model Paramount proposes with the new charter school was previously tried by another north-side Indianapolis charter school² that no longer uses that model and closed the school³;

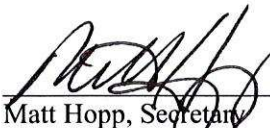
WHEREAS, Paramount’s new charter school is opposed by the Highland Kessler Civil League, the Crooked Creek Land Use Committee, members of the Indiana General Assembly, City-County Councilors, and hundreds of community members;

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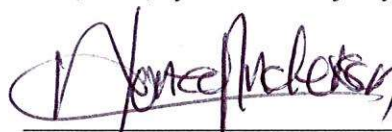
WHEREAS, the closing of charter schools in Marion County adversely impacts student learning and adversely impacts our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township hereby opposes the opening of a new charter school by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 14th day of March, 2024, by at least a majority vote of the entire Board of Education in a public meeting.



Matt Hopp, Secretary
Board of Education



Alonzo Anderson, President
Board of Education

¹ <https://www.chalkbeat.org/indiana/2023/11/30/charter-school-closures-point-to-questions-about-authorizer-oversight/>

² <https://impact100indy.org/2013-100000-grant-winner-tindley-consolidates-middle-schools/>

³ <https://www.chalkbeat.org/indiana/2019/6/5/21108309/dogged-by-money-trouble-and-low-enrollment-tindley-will-downsize-its-charter-network/>



March 12, 2024

Dear Members of the Metropolitan Development Commission:

On behalf of the International School of Indiana (“ISI”), we write in opposition to the rezoning petition (2023-ZON-109) filed by Paramount Schools of Excellence, Inc. (“Paramount”). Paramount has filed this rezoning petition because the proposed land use of the property at 5136 Michigan Road is out of compliance with the City-County’s prudent Comprehensive Plan. This Comprehensive Plan desires schools to be located in different residential areas. That wise planning contemplates placing new schools in areas where there are growing households to create new demand for schools. Not only is there no new demand being created by new households, indicators point to shrinking demand within this neighborhood.

In addition to the planned use described in the zoning petition being inconsistent with the wisdom of the Comprehensive Plan, the proposed site development exponentially increases the intensity of the site, which directly and adversely impacts ISI, its families, and surrounding neighbors. The majority of ISI students and families travel south on Michigan Road, requiring them to travel past Paramount’s proposed site. With another school zone to navigate—in addition to Crooked Creek Elementary School and St. Monica’s Catholic School—rush hour traffic in the mornings would generate substantial traffic concerns. Adding a new school where up to 300 cars could be queued onto Michigan Road creates an unsafe environment without an apparent remedy. And nothing about the current plans or commitments limit Paramount from increasing student enrollment beyond 300 or allowing other charter schools to locate on the premise, further increasing the traffic load.

For these reasons, the International School of Indiana opposes the re-zoning petition 2023-ZON-109 filed by Paramount Schools of Excellence.

Sincerely,

Alonzo Weems
Chairperson, Board of Directors
International School of Indiana

Elizabeth Head
Head of School
International School of Indiana



Crooked Creek Land-Use Committee
C/O P. O. Box 68032
Indianapolis, IN 46268

February 20, 2024

Judy Weerts Hall, Hearing Examiner
200 E. Washington Street, Ste # 2042
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Petition 2023-ZON-109 — 5136 Michigan Road

Dear Ms. Hall,

The Crooked Creek Land-Use Committee unanimously oppose the approval of Petition 2023-ZON-109. There are numerous reasons why we oppose this petition.

Our experience with some schools that are **in** our Community, but not **of** our Community — meaning they do not cooperate or collaborate with our Community — create problems, not solutions in our Community. The lack of community out-reach by Paramount Schools has been and is unacceptable and is a warning as to future relations. Their lack of out-reach is evident in that fellow Crooked Creek neighborhood organization, Highland-Kessler Civic League, had to organize the only public meeting that took place within our Community and with our residents. Paramount only advised our Community with a legal notice of their intentions after they already purchased the site, without any knowledge or input from our Community. When they had a public meeting, it took place before they even knew where their proposed school was to be located and outside of our Community. I understand that **no one attended**. Clearly Paramount Schools have not completed the “due diligence” required to locate their proposed school at 5136 Michigan Road.

Traffic congestion is a major concern for residents and commuters traveling along the busy Michigan Road corridor (over 40,000 cars a day). We are not satisfied with their traffic study. We believe it is flawed. The impact of a daily school verses a neighborhood church is striking. The increase will be particularly difficult since the school offers no transportation, so multitudes of cars will be congesting Michigan Road at critical times of the day.

The overwhelming majority of our residents support our Washington Township School system and believe Paramount’s proposed school will harm our public school system financially. Institutions like Paramount are well known to manipulate their student body count by dismissing students **after** “count day” shifting the students back to Washington Township Schools while “holding” the funds that go with the student and provided based on “count day” — harming our public schools who are required to accept these students with out the funds that should accompany the student. This practice goes on regularly with these private and charter schools — harming our public school institutions. This practice is unacceptable. Paramount’s representatives admitted that this practice takes place. In addition, special needs students also are harmed by this practice.

We believe that Paramount School’s request is not supported by the Michigan Road Corridor Plan, as well as the aforementioned concerns. Petition 2023-ZON-109 should **not** be approved. **We request and support denial of this of this petition!**

Sincerely yours,



Kerry Michael Manders
Chair, Crooked Creek Land-Use Committee

**Statement to the Hearing Examiner, Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development regarding
Petition 2023-ZON-109 for 5136 Michigan Road**

Offered by the Highland Kessler Civic League

**C/O Greg Ulrich, President
1040 Collingwood Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46228**

The Highland Kessler Civic League, a neighborhood association serving our neighbors since 1958 and registered with the City of Indianapolis offers the follow statement in remonstrance to the named petition.

On 11/21/23, the Paramount Schools of Excellence, Inc. notified the Highland Kessler Civic League (HKCL) by mail of a proposed zoning change for 5136 Michigan Road. That proposal requests that 10.13 acres be rezoned from SU-1 (religious purposes) to SU-2 (educational purposes) allowing the Paramount corporation to install a charter school at that property.

Having no prior knowledge of these plans or of the Paramount corporation, HKCL organized a neighborhood meeting at Crooked Creek Baptist Church on 1/3/24 to discuss the zoning change. Paramount Schools of Excellence sent officials including an attorney, the chief executive officer, and a charter school principal to explain the zoning change. Over 85 residents of Washington and Pike Townships attended the meeting, including many of our HKCL neighbors.

Overwhelmingly, neighborhood residents, families and students of Washington Township schools, educators, and elected officials in attendance expressed opposition to the zoning change requested by the Paramount corporation.

On 1/31/24, the HKCL Board of Directors voted to oppose the zoning change. With the vote, HKCL joined with others in our community, including parents, students, educators, school board members, and elected officials to oppose the Paramount corporation's proposed zoning change.

Reasons for opposition

A. Opposition from HKCL Families with Students

HKCL families with children in Washington Township schools have been clear about their opposition to Paramount's occupation of 5136 for a school; by their fervent testimony at the January 3, 2024 neighborhood meeting hosted by HKCL; through persistent communications with HKCL board members; and by submitting individual statements of opposition to the zoning change which are being filed with the Indianapolis DMD independently of this statement.

The HKCL board has heard our neighbors whose children thrive as students in Washington Township schools and we honor their vision for their children in our neighborhood by this remonstrance to the zoning petition proposed by the Paramount corporation.

B. Traffic

Unlike Washington Township Schools, the Paramount corporation will not provide transportation to students and lacks a transportation plan for students, instead relying on private vehicles. According to the corporation's own documents, between 125 (first year of operation) and 300 (third year of operation) vehicles would be turning into and out of the 5136 property twice each school day. In the first year of operation, this would require that a vehicle would need to turn into or out of the property every nine seconds during morning rush hour from 7:30 to 8:00 AM.

Paramount's traffic study contains contradictory statements, but the cover document maintains that no modifications for traffic on Michigan Road would be required. Based on the lived experiences of HKCL neighbors, this additional volume of traffic during peak periods would, at best, back up traffic on a major thoroughfare, funneling overflow traffic into residential side streets in the Highland Kessler neighborhood. At worst, the additional volume of traffic presents a danger to drivers and pedestrians on Michigan Road and on side streets, particularly Woodside Drive.

As noted below, transparency from Paramount is an ongoing concern for HKCL. When asked at the January 3, 2024 meeting if Paramount had produced a traffic study, a representative maintained that such a study had not yet been completed. When a document was shared in February, it included a traffic study completed by Yarger Engineering in November of 2023, and this original Yarger study raises concerns over traffic access to the 5136 property from Michigan Road, a major thoroughfare.

C. Land Use

HKCL maintains that the proposed use is inconsistent with the current comprehensive plan and also incompatible with the surrounding property uses. Lack of transparency from the Paramount corporation contributes to those concerns.

When asked at the January 3, 2024 neighborhood meeting for a site plan of the proposed changes on the 5136 Michigan Road property, Paramount representatives maintained that they had no site plan for the 10+ acres, a statement revealing either an incompetent development practice, or blatant dishonesty. Neither of those options assures surrounding neighborhoods, including HKCL, that this property will be held in proper stewardship.

Recently, HKCL has learned that the property at 5136 is not connected to city sewers but is served by an antiquated septic system which is undoubtedly inadequate for the proposed expanded waste disposal use of facilities on this site with daily occupation of 200-350 people.

D. Lack of Transparency and Accountability by Paramount Corporation.

The January 3, 2024 neighborhood meeting was for most HKCL neighbors their first encounter with Paramount Schools corporation. Paramount's failure to engage with the community prior to filing for a zoning change was one cause neighbors cited for their immediate opposition to the corporation's plans. Many neighbors voiced the additional concerns detailed below. Additionally, members of the HKCL board described the attitude of Paramount representatives to community concerns as "arrogant."

Failure to Engage the Community. Prior to the January 3 meeting, Paramount corporation failed to seek or obtain community input on the need for their school in Washington Township. The corporation did not identify any neighborhood organization, school official, or elected official consulted before filing the charter application or the zoning change other than a required event at a Pike Township location sometime in the spring of 2023 which, by their own admission, was poorly advertised and nobody attended.

Deceptive Charter Application. The corporation failed to include a location in Marion County for the school, instead listing the location as "To Be Determined". The charter and authorizer abused the application process by excluding this vital information.

Absentee Authorizer. The charter school authorizer is Trine University, located 165 miles from Indianapolis. Trine has not met either with the neighborhood or with Washington Township Schools. Trine provided no justification on why they are authorizing a charter school over 2 -1/2 hours from their campus. The Paramount corporation failed to explain why they failed to find a local accountable authorizer such as the Indianapolis Mayor's office, even though their current Indianapolis charters are issued by the Indianapolis Mayor's office.

Unaccountable Charter School Board. The Paramount corporation's board of directors is a privately selected, not a publicly elected body. Voters in Washington Township have no voice in the election or selection of members of the Paramount board. The Paramount board would siphon tax funds paid by Washington Township voters without any accountability to those voters.

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February 16th 2024

To the Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I am writing to you today to comment on the proposed Paramount charter school that is attempting to locate in Washington Township. It has been brought to my attention that Paramount plans to open their school just south of Crooked Creek Elementary School. Local community members in Washington Township have expressed great concern over this proposal and I feel I must echo those concerns.

I oppose this proposal on several grounds. There are currently several high-performing schools close by, including Crooked Creek Elementary and Westlane Middle School. Authorizing a new charter school in this area will only decrease attendance for our nearby schools. Additionally, I have concerns about how Paramount has handled this process thus far.

Paramount has failed to hold required community meetings, they have failed to notify the school district, and they have failed to secure proper zoning for their newly purchased building. The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township and the local HOA, the Highland Kessler Civic League, also oppose the rezoning for a variety of reasons. There are already multiple Washington Township schools in the area specifically working to provide STEM opportunities that are available to every student.

If Paramount seeks to make a meaningful contribution to the community, they should seek out spaces where it is truly needed and wanted. Placing this school in this community at this time does not make sense for any of the affected parties with the possible exception of Paramount.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring a voice to this proposal. I trust that the commission will give this careful attention. Should you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to my office.

Kind regards,

Ed DeLaney
State Representative
House District 86



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February 28, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner:

I am writing to you as a state representative from the near northside and east side of Indianapolis. Specifically, I am representing Washington Township residents and their public schools in this letter. Over the last few weeks, numerous community groups have contacted me regarding the proposed rezoning to turn the former Witherspoon Presbyterian Church at 5136 Michigan Rd. into a charter school.


In June of 2023, the Paramount School of Excellence had a public meeting regarding the rezoning at the Eagle Branch Library in Pike Township. According to Paramount's own leadership, no one attended the event. At a recent meeting on January 3, 2024, 85 residents of the local community voiced their overwhelming opposition to the proposed project.

Community members cited two major problems with the project. First, there is no detailed site plan for the 10-acre property. Furthermore, the site is not connected to the city sewer system. Second, community members are concerned about the increased traffic the site will cause. The Paramount School does not provide transportation for their students so parents will have to do drop-off and pick-up of students. It is not clear whether the Paramount School has done a detailed study of how the opening of their school will impact traffic flow on Michigan Rd.

In addition, MSD of Washington has great schools that have excellent STEM programs. The community overall is happy with their public school system. The Paramount School has not offered a legitimate need to have their school at this location.

I have consistently heard from area residents that the use of this site for a charter school has not been thoroughly researched or thought out. There is a belief that this project is being forced down the community's throat. I, therefore, must voice my opposition to this proposed project and stand with area residents and school board members. If you would like to discuss this matter in further detail, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Porter
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House District #96

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January 3, 2024

Highland-Kessler Civic League,

As the State Representative for parts of Washington and Pike Township, two school systems most impacted if this new charter school is allowed to open, I thought it was prudent to express my concerns at this community meeting.

Community members from Washington and Pike Township have brought to my attention the lack of notice from Paramount regarding their intention to establish a new charter school in this location. While this informational community meeting was called, Paramount's communication with the surrounding school corporations has proven to be insufficient. Their lack of transparency and cooperation is disconcerting, particularly considering our townships will be obligated to allocate our tax dollars should the school be permitted to open.

In the past year, Indianapolis had two charter schools close due to insufficient enrollment and financial issues. Mid-year closures are incredibly disruptive to student learning and the potential for a school to take public tax dollars away from our public schools only to shut down after a few years is cause for concern.

Additionally, the property in question, an old church building, is currently zoned for use as a religious institution, not an educational facility. The proposed change in use will disrupt local traffic patterns and is incongruent with the current comprehensive plan in place on proper use of the property. It is troubling that despite this property requiring rezoning approval, Paramount has chosen to advertise enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

My final concern is whether this institution is needed in our community. A new charter school means less of our tax dollars going to Washington and Pike Township which the majority of the community children attend. Both townships surrounding the proposed location provide excellent STEM education to a diverse group of students. In my view, funding another school is redundant when the needs Paramount proposes to address are already fulfilled by our public schools.

I support my local townships in their opposition to permitting Paramount Schools to open a charter school at the Michigan Road location. If there are any questions, please reach out to my office at H94@iga.in.gov or 317-232-9798.

Sincerely,





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March 6, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Members,

As the State Representative for a large part of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, a school district heavily impacted if this new charter school is allowed to open, I wish to express my concerns.

Community members from Washington Township have brought to my attention the lack of transparency from Paramount regarding their intention to establish a new charter school in this location. Prior to filing any zoning petition, Paramount never engaged the community to solicit input. Paramount states they held a public hearing in nearby Pike Township, but no one appeared. And now the District learns that Paramount has sat on an important traffic study for months without disclosing it while representing to the public that the traffic study was being prepared.

This project raises a number of significant concerns. The traffic study completed by Paramount's own traffic engineers expresses sincere concerns about the safety of its students and those traveling on Michigan Road. Paramount has no plans to install two turn lanes, and it is unclear if Paramount will have adequate staffing of traffic officers. However, the officers are a temporary band aid more appropriate for one-time events, not an adequate remedy for significant traffic stoppage during the busiest traffic times on a major Indianapolis artery. There may be plenty of other appropriate locations for a school in our City, but this is not one of them.

In addition, over the past year, Indianapolis had two charter schools close due to insufficient enrollment and financial issues. Mid-year closures are incredibly disruptive to student learning and the potential for a school to take public tax dollars away from our public schools only to shut down after a few years is cause for concern.

My final concern is whether this institution is needed in our community. A new charter school means less of our tax dollars going to Washington schools which the majority of the community children attend. Public schools surrounding the proposed location provide excellent STEM education to a diverse group of students. In my view, funding another school is redundant when the needs Paramount proposes to address are already fulfilled by our public schools.

I support opposition to permitting Paramount Schools to open a charter school at the Michigan Road location and obtaining the necessary rezoning. Thank you for your consideration. If there are any questions, please reach out to my office at h87@iga.in.gov or 317-233-5248.

Sincerely,

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EMPLOYMENT, LABOR AND PENSIONS
FAMILY, CHILDREN AND HUMAN AFFAIRS
JUDICIARY

March 18, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I am writing to ask that you deny petition 2023-ZON-109 to rezone the existing facility from an SU-1 to an SU-2 for educational use. As the State Representative for District 32, many of my constituents live in Washington Township, one of the school systems most impacted by your decision. I ask you to listen to the community opposition and deny the rezoning request.

There are several examples that lead to apprehension of Paramount Schools of Excellence's intention and ability to work collaboratively with the existing school corporations. Their failure to inform local school officials of their intent to enter the area, reuse of language from an attempt to enter a previous school district, and lack of advertisement for their legally required community meetings has not engendered community trust of this initiative.

A community group, the Highland Kessler Civic League, held their own meeting to better inform residents in the immediate area. No one who attended that meeting spoke in support of this proposed new charter. Many voiced concerns over increased risk to public safety given the large increase in daily traffic, improper sewage infrastructure, and conflicts with the area's current comprehensive development plan. While a representative of Paramount was in attendance, the organization has still not assuaged the community anxieties on these issues.

In light of these troubling developments, I urge you to heed the community's opposition to this proposed project and oppose the rezoning of the Michigan Road property. Our students and their families deserve better than to be subjected to an institution that has not engaged with the appropriate local stakeholders and fully addressed community concerns. If you have any questions regarding my opposition, please contact my office at 317-232-9798 or H32@iga.in.gov.

Sincerely,



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February 26, 2024

To: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As the elected state senator for Senate District 30, and as a parent of two students who attended Washington Township School system, I am extremely concerned about the plan to rezone the property located at 5136 Michigan Road to accommodate the Paramount Schools of Excellence.

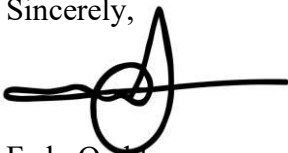
This property is located less than one mile away from Crooked Creek Elementary School, which means that existing township schools within the area will lose state funding due to the opening of the paramount school. Under existing state laws, the educational funding formula has consistently shortchanged school districts by millions of dollars over the past decade due to biased funding prioritization of school vouchers and charter schools at the expenses of traditional public schools in our community.

As the number of charter schools increase in the same areas served by township schools, the pool of students will be divided by all schools which will cause further loss in revenues to Crooked Creek and township schools. I firmly believe that a needs assessment must be conducted before the approval of any new school in the area given the strategic funding threat imposed by the opening of any new charter school on the ability of Crooked Creek and existing schools in the area to serve minority students, English language learners, and special education students who are among the most vulnerable students in our communities.

In addition, loose state laws that do not require the same level of transparency or accountability for charter schools in a manner similar to traditional public schools will jeopardize the public's trust in our educational system. I urge you to consider the negative policy consequences of allowing the Paramount school to locate in close proximity to Crooked Creek Elementary School given the expected negative state funding impact on existing schools in the Washington Township district and the harm this will cause to existing students who rely on the township district for education, transportation, food, and many other services.

In the past couple of years, citizens, faith leaders, and elected officials fiercely opposed the establishment of charter schools in Washington and Pike Townships because of the negative impacts described above. Please honor the wishes of our community by denying the zoning proposal.

Sincerely,



Fady Qaddoura
Indiana State Senator
Senate District 30



March 13, 2024

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To: Members of the City-County Council

Subject: Opposition to Re-zoning Petition 2023-ZON-109

I hope this letter finds you well. I strongly OPPOSE the re-zoning petition filed by Paramount Schools of Excellence, Inc. charter school to open a new all-girls "STEM" charter school at 5136 Michigan Road, just south of Crooked Creek Elementary in the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township. My concerns are related not only to the lack of proper zoning for this project but also to the complete lack of transparency and community input throughout this process and the problems with charter schools in Indianapolis.

As a 55+ year resident just blocks away from the proposed school, a graduate of Washington Township Schools, mother of five African-American (3 boys and 2 girls) graduates of Washington Township Schools, daughter of the first African American teacher at Crooked Creek Elementary School (which is located less than a mile from the proposed Paramount site), and sister of another 40+year Washington Township Schools teacher, I enjoy a rich personal and family history with Washington Township Schools. What is more, I spent 12 years serving on the Washington Township School Board from 2008-2020. My experiences have given me a unique perspective on our education system's challenges.

My professional endeavors are also relevant to this issue. I earned my bachelor's degree from DePauw University and masters and doctorate degrees from Indiana University School of Nursing. Previously, I was the Clinical Assistant Professor and Special Assistant to the Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the IU School of Nursing in Indianapolis, and served as the Interim Director of the Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy at the Indiana University Public Policy Institute. I presently am the Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, working to increase the diversity of students within STEM college and university programs, specifically in nursing. We live in a pluralistic society with that is becoming more racially diverse. It is imperative that nursing increases the diversity of its nursing workforce.

In my national role, I see first-hand the effects of a quality education. I know that my rigorous education at North Central High School positioned me to succeed in STEM as an



African American woman. But I also see how students from charter schools struggle in colleges and universities throughout our country, particularly in the STEM nursing courses. I hear over and over, from faculty of the more than 40 individual academic nursing programs I provide consultation to, of how students of color particularly the ones attended charter schools, struggle with the required STEM nursing pre-requisite courses such as Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, Pathophysiology, and Chemistry. Without passing these courses, they are not able to take nursing courses, so they either drop out of college or work towards a major that they really didn't want. Sadly, it becomes an unfilled dream, and our society loses a potential nurse from an underrepresented racial group that has the cultural wealth to assist with decreasing the health disparities that exist in populations of color in the United States and the Indianapolis community.

I know successfully passing the college-prep science courses offered at North Central High School truly prepares the students with the rigor needed to successfully pass higher education STEM courses. Because of this, I am extremely concerned about the students attending this charter school will not being prepared for the rigor of North Central. Because of their lack of transparency and fulfillment of their stated mission of being collaborative with those of us that live in the neighborhood and Washington Township School District, I have zero confidence that they will they work with Washington Townships Elementary and Middle Schools to ensure they are following a rigorous curriculum that prepares them for the rigor of North Central.

Furthermore, I have additional concerns. While charter schools were initially introduced as a promising alternative to traditional public education, several issues have emerged over the years, which have a significant and detrimental impact on our city's children and their educational experiences.

One of the most pressing problems is the charter school system's lack of accountability and transparency. Private entities operate many charter schools in Indianapolis, often leading to a lack of oversight and accountability. This lack of transparency has resulted in mismanagement of resources, inadequate educational standards, and a failure to address the diverse needs of our students.

Another concern is the potential for segregation within the charter school system. In some cases, charter schools have unintentionally or intentionally become racially and economically segregated, leading to disparities in educational opportunities for different groups of children. This is contrary to the principles of equality and inclusivity that should guide our educational system.

Additionally, the fluid nature of charter schools, including frequent closures and relocations, can create instability for students. Children in our city should not have to worry about their school closing or moving mid-year, disrupting their learning environments and affecting their overall educational outcomes.



Moreover, the proliferation of charter schools in Indianapolis has increased competition for limited resources. The oversaturation of schools—not just charter schools—in Marion County is widely recognized. That is the judgment of the State’s charter school subject matter experts, the Indiana Charter School Board according to a November 2023 Chalkbeat article. “We don’t authorize in Indianapolis any more, really,” said James Betley, the executive director of the Indiana Charter School Board, the State agency subject-matter expert on charter schools. “It’s too crowded. It’s oversaturated. There are too many schools.” In addition to nearby Crooked Creek Elementary School and Fox Hill Elementary School (each Washington Township Schools) are two private schools within one mile of the proposed site and other private schools not far away. Schools already face a well-documented shortage of educators and other education-related employees. Paramount is not locating a school in an area facing population growth but instead adding yet another school to compete for families and resources. This increased pressure on the educational system impacts all schools—private, public and charter.

There exists plenty of nearby options—public, charter and private—to meet the STEM needs of girls in Marion County and Washington Township specifically. In addition to Washington Township Schools, and various religious and non-religious private schools is a STEM K-12 charter school, the Indiana Math Science Academy (IMSA). Since IMSA opened in 2010, other charter schools have tried models similar to Paramount’s, only to later close. Paramount’s proposed model, previously proven unsuccessful, increases short term risks for established schools with proven models elevates market risk across the educational system.

These issues impact educational policies, but they certainly impact land use issues in our communities. Causing short term operational risks for schools with sound operating models is particularly imprudent when the land use is out of compliance with the City-County’s prudent Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan desires schools to be located in different residential areas. That wise planning fits demand for students with new households. Here, Paramount is pursuing the opposite—no new demand but just another player with an unproven idea to compete for the same amount of students and resources—out of compliance with the City-County’s Comprehensive Plan.

What is even more disconcerting is that Paramount chose to have this charter authorized in a location, Trine University, that is located 2 ½ hours away from Indianapolis, with no apparent connection to our community. This raises questions about the network's true intentions and commitment to the local community.

I find this attempt to open a new charter school and demand property taxes within our boundaries without proper zoning, transparency, or input from the local community to be an outrage. The zoning board must intervene to protect the interests of our community and ensure that any proposed developments adhere to the established regulations and procedures.



Our community deserves transparency, proper zoning procedures, and a say in developments that may affect us.

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters. I hope you will act swiftly to address these issues and uphold the integrity of our zoning regulations, community engagement processes, and the quality of education for all children in our city.

Sincerely,

Wanda Thruston

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154	Kim Gaither	1815 E. 86th Street 46240
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156	R Haag	950, Forest Blvd South Drive 46240
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159	Tennille Rains	7364 Lesley Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46250
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192	Raymond Baker	55 Highland Manor Ct South Dr 46228
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195	Arian Bostic	No Address Provided
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200	Claudia Williamson	7839 Delbrook Drive Indianapolis IN 46260
201	Marie Harnish	5141 Lancelot Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46228
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227	Emily Laramore	No Address Provided
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236	Esha Abdalla	2517 weslynn Dr, Indianapolis,IN 46228
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240	Rebecca Davis	3246 kenilworth dr 46228
241	Liz Davis	3259 W 48th st 46228
242	Lezlie Ceglio	5045 Haynes Ct, Indpls 46250
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244	Ashley Flaumenhaft	8912 Spicewood Ct 46260
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246	Brooke Deram	2206 Beach Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46240
247	Victoria Petersen Elia	7336 Woodside Dr,Indianapolis, IN 46260
248	James Hill	8228 N Pennsylvania St 46240
249	Jessica Larson	6535 Chester West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46220
250	Linda Jimenez	952 Roundtable ct, 46260
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252	Lisec Coronado	4393 Homestead Dr, Whitestown IN, 46075
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254	Andrea Kern	930 W 75th St 46260
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256	Pam Weiger	4723 I wood Lane Indianapolis 46250
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259	Kathy Null	8006 Heyward Drive 46250
260	Kelly McBride	9131 Woodbridge court 46260
261	Susan McJunkins	2520 Will Crest Dr 46228
262	Elizabeth Murphy Zider	7824 Wawasee Drive Indianapolis IN 46250
263	Carl McJunkins	2520 Will Crest Dr 46228
264	Dalton Maschino-Smith	2150 Kessler Blvd W Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46228
265	Kayla Wilder	1905 Weslynn Drive 46228
266	Jessica McNiel	7979 Evanston Road. 46240
267	Priscilla Boschmann - Second	5248 woodside dr 46228
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270	Cameron Anderson	6155 colonial ave Indianapolis, in 46228
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394	Siobhan Cathey	9335 RacquetClub Dr. Apt B 46260
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DATE: 2/28/2024 10:26:55 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anne Fernkas
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Anne Fernkas
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:33:13 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Carolyn Garlock
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Carolyn Garlock
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:52:07 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Curt Chuvalas
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

The existence of a successful, long-standing educational institution in the area renders the opening of a charter school unnecessary. Entrusting private entities with educational responsibilities may ultimately jeopardize the quality education in the long term. No one in the current political theater ever thinks of the unintended consequences. We are continuing to dumb down our future at the expense of our children. You want top quality education? Pay teachers more and make parents more accountable for their children's actions.

Thank you,

Curt Chuvalas
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:53:43 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Amy Mehall
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Amy Mehall
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 11:03:37 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: John Fernkas

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

John Fernkas
Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 11:04:54 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Daniel Haake
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Daniel Haake
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 11:08:39 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: James Grim
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

James Grim
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 11:13:22 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Melissa Zabel

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Melissa Zabel

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 11:21:51 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Daniel J. Mathis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

We have dedicated educational space, otherwise allocated. And indeed, nearby. If that area is to be re-zoned at all, it should be re-zoned for commercial, and the increase of property tax dollars.

Thank you,

Daniel J. Mathis
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 12:27:13 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sarah Combs
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Sarah Combs
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 12:33:15 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sarah Hafley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

A Charter School in Washingtown Township will take away students and resources from our public school system. We should be investing in our community and public education. The proposed school has not working with our community, not been transparent with their intentions, and will weaken Washingtown Township. We do not want it here.

Thank you,

Sarah Hafley
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 12:41:54 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Dr. Nataki Pettigrew
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I oppose Paramount's use of the church as a school for children. These children deserve to be in a location that is safe, adequately funded, and innovative.

Thank you,

Dr. Nataki Pettigrew
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 1:18:46 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Marcus Dalton
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Marcus Dalton
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 1:42:55 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tiffany Asogbon
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Tiffany Asogbon
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 3:25:10 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kathleen K Johnson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Kathleen K Johnson
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 3:31:07 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Ellen Rogers
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for multiple reasons not the least of which is the safety of students being dropped off and picked up in this location and the potential traffic problems that this could cause if approved, in an already congested area and very busy road. There is a reason why this property is not zoned for a school and to overlook this fact is a gross negligence in my opinion. I would think that extensive traffic studies would need to be done over a period of time before any well thought out decision about rezoning could be made.

Thank you,

Ellen Rogers
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 3:53:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Megan Hershey
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Megan Hershey
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 4:07:30 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Rebecca Schwantes-An
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Rebecca Schwantes-An
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 4:25:38 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Elyse Chuvalas
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Elyse Chuvalas
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 4:34:14 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Joli Williams

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Joli Williams

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 4:37:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: David W. Greene Sr.
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

David W. Greene Sr.
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 5:13:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Cynthia Lambert
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Cynthia Lambert
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 5:39:13 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Danielle Hassan
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I am opposed to the rezoning of the property on Michigan road to be used for a charter school. As a resident who lives right down the street, this rezoning has the potential to create more traffic near an already busy intersection. It also does not make sense that the property would be refined for a charter school when there is an amazing school just a mile or two north. It frustrates me that our community did not receive knowledge of possible rezoning for a charter school until now.

As a parent and educator in Washington Township I see first hand how our public schools are undermined by both charter and private schools. Washington Township already has great schools which provide a quality education for ALL students including STEM education. Instead of rezoning property for another charter school in our district, we should be spending our time and effort on strengthening our public school system. The property at 5136 should not be rezoned for a charter school that is not needed nor wanted in our school district.

Thank you,

Danielle Hassan
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 6:12:43 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Nichole Kelley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

As an alumni of North Central, I am concerned about the affect adding this school to the community will have on current funding and student resources available. I am not aware of the data of this school and do not want to see Washington Township suffer. I support public education.

Thank you,

Nichole Kelley
Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 6:45:57 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Wayne Moore
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Wayne Moore
Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 6:52:17 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Megan mCDonald
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I believe in public school! Don't take our resources!

Thank you,

Megan mCDonald
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 6:53:53 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: A Meredith Levi
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

A Meredith Levi
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 7:39:33 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Merry Juerling
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

My property taxes go to Washington township and I do not wish for those taxes to be privatized to an unelected charter school board. Paramount also has a long history of suspending and counseling out children of color and disabilities. Most importantly, neither Paramount or the out of town authorized has completed a required community survey, and, without that requirement being met first, rezoning of a property for a charter school would be putting the cart before the horse. As a Washington township tax payer, parent of two graduates from North Central, and a graduate of Pike High School, I feel my "vote NO for Paramount Charter school rezoning" reflects the majority of the citizens voices in Washington and Pike townships. In addition, Indianapolis is inundated with too many school seats and the education of the majority (95% of Indiana's students are public school students)) of future citizens is suffering. Please do not contribute to that suffering further. Vote "NO."

Thank you,

Merry Juerling
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:01:11 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Alan Schoff
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

These schools are businesses bullying their way into the community without consideration people who live nearby.

Thank you,

Alan Schoff
Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:09:36 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anjuli Shivshanker
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Anjuli Shivshanker
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:27:00 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Dylan Warren

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Dylan Warren
Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:37:11 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Ashley Sevenbergen
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Ashley Sevenbergen
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:39:16 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Angelia Joyner
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

It is NOT what is best for our students, nor our community!

Thank you,

Angelia Joyner
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:40:46 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Liane hulka
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

In terms of zoning, the already busy street cannot handle an influx of car riders for a school district that already has excellent schooling and STEM programs with a good teacher ratio. Their comprehensive plan has long-term problems. We don't need or want a charter in our borders further separating our neighborhoods and exasperating the safety issue. Zoning is the only forum we have because they failed to provide proper notice to residents with no recourse.

The public school district does not need anymore schools. We need more affordable housing but not another school in MSDWT that has the potential to divide our neighborhood where teachers and admin already know these kids. I would never support zoning an entity that claims they want to educate our children with public tax dollars but without any accountability. It's not best for the safety, security and education of our city's children.

Thank you,

Liane hulka
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:55:43 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Ian Phillips

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Ian Phillips

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:57:37 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Laura Kruse-Phillips
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I do not support a charter school within Washington Township district, which diverts funds from our public schools. I pay taxes to support the hardworking staff of MSDWT, not a for profit corporation!

Thank you,

Laura Kruse-Phillips
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:00:51 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Betsy Williams
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Betsy Williams
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:23:55 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: William Groth
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

William Groth
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:30:36 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Bridgette Liggons
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Bridgette Liggons
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:40:21 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Phyllis Groth
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

We need to keep schools like this out of the MSD of Washington Township because they always end up hurting the public schools.

Thank you,

Phyllis Groth
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:46:45 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Laura H.
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I am opposed to a new charter school in my area. Washington township is doing a phenomenal job within this community to be disrupted with rezoning or throwing off balance parents, students and teachers alike.

Thank you,

Laura H.
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 7:29:35 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Keana Parquet
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

MSDWT works hard to provide great educational opportunities for all students. The opening of this charter school is not needed.

Thank you,

Keana Parquet
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 7:40:04 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kellye Echternach
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Honestly, I think some charter schools are a great addition. For example, those that are built up by a current community member and/or that fill a need that currently is not being met by the township. However, this school is not that.

Thank you,

Kellye Echternach
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 7:49:13 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kim Chmeliwskyj
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

No charter schools!!!!

Thank you,

Kim Chmeliwskyj
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 7:55:25 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Laura Stephen
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Laura Stephen
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 8:49:49 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sheila Dennis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I support access to public education, and the proliferation of these unregulated charter schools undermines our public education system where over 90% of our youth attend. Charter and vouchers fracture our public school communities and siphon off funding, continually eroding the foundation of our public schools. A substantive body of evidence shows that charter schools do not produce high academic performance results. Public school outperform charter schools on academic measures. Instead, they destabilize communities and enrich private investors.

Thank you,

Sheila Dennis
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 9:33:31 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Joshua Simonds
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Joshua Simonds
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 12:49:35 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Lisa Stocks
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Lisa Stocks
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/29/2024 1:09:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Heather Worley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I am an educator, parent, and citizen of Washington Township. I love STEM and schools for young women. However, community partnership requires transparency and honesty. If an organization is not forthright in their practices when establishing a school, it sheds on doubt on whether or not they will be an honest and positive member of the community. I also find this character issue concerning for an organization that wants to affect the young minds of our community.

Thank you,

Heather Worley
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 3/1/2024 2:06:55 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Bax
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Emily Bax
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 3/1/2024 4:20:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kimberly Brookens
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Kimberly Brookens
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 3/1/2024 4:57:16 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Parker Arias
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I am a student in Washington Township. Our schools are doing a great job of providing us with a strong educational foundation. We do not need another Charter program with no proven experience coming in to dictate what they think will work, when historically, it hasn't. We have options in our school district for those who want private school or options other than MSD Washington. This will be a negative impact on students, especially those who that need extra help or who sometimes slip between the cracks. My parents are saying no. My grandma is saying no. I hope everyone says NO!

Thank you,

Parker Arias
Other

DATE: 3/2/2024 7:47:55 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Betsy Schatko
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Betsy Schatko
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 3/2/2024 7:52:23 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kevin Strawbridge
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Kevin Strawbridge
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 3/2/2024 11:43:40 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sarah Strawbridge
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Sarah Strawbridge
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 3/3/2024 8:55:13 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jill Buckner
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Jill Buckner
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 3/8/2024 10:42:38 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Brad Nehrt
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Brad Nehrt
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/22/2024 7:22:15 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Heidi Sexson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Heidi Sexson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/23/2024 12:16:52 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Greg Ullrich
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Opposed to zoning change

Thank you,

Greg Ullrich
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/23/2024 1:37:28 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christine Plews
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the church property at 5136 Michigan Road for use by a Paramount School of Excellence. Michigan Road cannot support the increase in traffic, and the septic system cannot accommodate the proposed number of staff and students. There are already public schools for the neighborhood. The proposed STEM Academy is not at all within the intent or description of the current zoning, and there is no good reason for an exception. The site could easily become a nuisance to the neighborhood.

Thank you,

Christine Plews
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/23/2024 7:16:38 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Chris Bowyer
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose a charter school being established on Michigan Road for many reasons. The first of which are zoning and lack of transparency. My wife attended a community meeting on Jan. 3 and learned that the school does not intend to provide transportation to the school - which will create a traffic issue on the already very congested Michigan Road during rush hour. When direct questions were asked about the use of the school grounds, the charter advocates did not provide any information. The school began with an unpublicized "community" meeting that did not include reaching out to neighborhood residents or parents in the area, as would be expected by reading statute. In addition, this school is not even connected to sewers - but served by an old septic system - completely insufficient for nearly 150 people who would be using this property five days a week. I oppose the rezoning of this property strongly. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

Chris Bowyer
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/25/2024 2:08:25 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Graham Collins
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Graham Collins
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/25/2024 3:08:47 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Michelle Fleming
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Michelle Fleming
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/25/2024 3:14:58 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Evan Krabill
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I believe in the ability of Washington Township schools to provide effective education for all of its students and don't believe that a reallocation of funds to this rezoning is an effective way to provide for the people in this community. Again, I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Evan Krabill
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/25/2024 3:37:15 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mary Birtwhistle
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Mary Birtwhistle
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/25/2024 3:44:54 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Michael Birtwhistle
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

I strongly oppose the use of township funding in this way, the district should use its resources to support the public schools we already have.

Thank you,

Michael Birtwhistle
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/25/2024 6:52:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Katelin Branson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. Our community does not need another school. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Katelin Branson
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/25/2024 9:47:58 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Sally Jo Trammer-Ballard

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I agree with the views that have been expressed so far.

Thank you,

Sally Jo Trammer-Ballard

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 6:18:20 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mandy
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Mandy
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 8:07:05 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Nicole Falcon
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Nicole Falcon
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 9:29:32 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Cathleen Donnelly
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am writing in opposition to the proposed rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road by Paramount Schools. My concerns are focused on the following:

- Paramount did not communicate with our community to ask about the needs and concerns of parents and residents before selecting this site. The first we heard of Paramount's plans was after the property was purchased and the rezoning request submitted. This indicates a lack of respect for/interest in building community.
- Heavy traffic in the morning and evening already poses safety hazards on Michigan Road. Paramount says there's no need for traffic control, but residents can relate how difficult it is to turn onto Michigan Road from 54th Street or Woodside Drive during rush hour. This school will only exacerbate the problem.
- As a taxpayer, I agreed to an increase in property taxes to support improvements to the existing Washington Township schools. I've been pleased to see the construction at the nearby Crooked Creek Elementary, where my daughter and children of our neighbors attended. Will students now select Paramount to the detriment of our schools? Tax dollars that go with the student will mean less money for Washington Township schools. And wouldn't it be better to address concerns about disparities in test scores within this system rather than building a school outside the system - and linked to a university that is distant and out-of-touch with our community?
- Paramount's lack of transparency around the long-term development and use of the property is a real concern. Residents in my neighborhood will remember how a developer purchased land just north of this site and made big promises about a "high-end" grocery store. He brought in a Walmart, Crown Liquors and McDonald's. It's an eyesore and a neighborhood security issue. Might Paramount choose in the future to sell and/or rezone this property for commercial use? They haven't been forthcoming about future plans.

I respectfully ask the Hearing Examiner to deny the request to rezone the Michigan Road property. Thank you.

Cathleen Donnelly

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Thank you,

Cathleen Donnelly

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 9:36:20 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Chelsea Willis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Chelsea Willis
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 10:08:05 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Adrian Arias
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a parent and educator in Washington Township I have issues with a learning institution opening its doors to children without first going through the needed zoning requirements to adequately house children. I'm especially concerned about the unwanted tax burden this places on residents of Washington Township. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Adrian Arias
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 10:28:28 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Alicia Cushing
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

My family lives in Washington Township, and I have two elementary age children who attend Fox Hill Elementary. In addition, I am a Girl Scout Leader for Troop 3836 which includes girls that attend Crooked Creek Elementary, Fox Hill Elementary, and Willow Lake Elementary. I am also the Washington Twp Service Unit Manager, which is another volunteer position within Girl Scouts of Central Indiana (GSCI).

I learned of the STEM related school that would partner with Girl Scouts of Central Indiana a couple of years ago by a few blasts on social media. I will admit I was initially very excited about the idea of this school.

However, it has since been brought to my attention this is a charter school and is set to open just south of Crooked Creek Elementary (previously per the above-mentioned media blasts the location was on a totally different side of Indianapolis).

I have been going through a crash course on how charter schools work and receive funding that has resulted in a growing concern of how this will affect my family and the families of the girls in my Girl Scout Troop.

Also, this new understanding and process in which Paramount has been navigating toward opening this school creates a huge concern about the reputation of GSCI in partnering with Paramount. These concerns with Paramount include the charter authorized by Trine, which is not local and located several hours away. Another is the failure to hold required community meetings and notify the school district. As well as the proper zoning was not secured before purchasing this property.

As a Girl Scout Leader and mother of a daughter my goal is to bring opportunities to this current generation of girls that my generation and prior generations of women may not have had. I volunteer countless hours toward this goal so I'm saddened that while I love the idea of a STEM school that could

provide some of these opportunities, the way Paramount has proceeded will have the opposite effect for my community.

Sincerely,

Alicia Cushing

Washington Twp Parent, Girl Scout Leader, and Service Unit Manager

Thank you,

Alicia Cushing

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 12:49:49 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mallory Earle
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Mallory Earle
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 1:55:56 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lisa Lanier

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the reasoning of the property.

Thank you,

Lisa Lanier

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 2:02:40 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sylvia Burlock
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As an educator, I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. I oppose this due to the use of the property as a school rather than its current church. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings with ardent watchfulness.

Thank you,

Sylvia Burlock
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 2:34:25 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sheila Akinleye
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

February 26, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission,

For several reasons, I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road.

First, as a long time resident of Indianapolis and citizen who lives near this property, I know traffic along Michigan Road is a problem. In this area, Michigan Road has insufficient pedestrian sidewalks and no turn lane. A school of this sort, in that area, could cause traffic tie-ups and make a difficult situation, during heavy commute times, that much more perilous.

Secondly, as a parent of more than one student in Washington Township Schools, I know for sure this sort of program is NOT NEEDED. Between the resources offered by Pike and Washington Township Schools, spending tax payer money in this way would be redundant and a major waste. How and why should students go to a specialized school for girls in science and math, that is a public school, should be decided by tax payers who fund it, not people who form their own opinion and come together to do it regardless of what the community thinks.

Don't I have a say in this matter? Please, hear me on this! I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully. I want to encourage wise use of funds and the appropriate and proper use of the resources we already have.

Thank you,

Sheila Akinleye

Voting citizen, active community member, and Washington Township parent

Thank you,

Sheila Akinleye

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 3:56:26 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lindsay Shipps Haake

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Please reject the Paramount request.

Thank you,

Lindsay Shipps Haake

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 4:27:17 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Erin Macey

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Thank you,

Erin Macey

Other

DATE: 2/26/2024 4:27:34 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Carla Sanford
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose this rezoning as an Educator and a citizen living in Washington Twp. This has not been upfront. We have several schools that have viable, substantiated programming for our students. They need funding and support and this is pulling resources from what the community is trying to establish.

Thank you,

Carla Sanford
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 4:46:45 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jamie Rickard
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Jamie Rickard
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 5:15:26 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kara Pulley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Metropolitan Commission Hearing Examiner,

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Sincerely,

Kara Pulley

MSDWT Teacher

Thank you,

Kara Pulley

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 5:23:17 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kathryn Engebretson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a professor of education at Indiana University who places student teachers in Washington Township, this charter school not something I support. Serving the families in Washington Township happens with robust partnerships with the public schools and this charter school will violate best practices in education.

Thank you,

Kathryn Engebretson
Other

DATE: 2/26/2024 5:25:18 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Abby Martin
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Abby Martin
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 5:32:48 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Clinton McKay
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

There is no proof that Washington Twp. Is in need of a charter school and I oppose its creation and fear it will have an adverse effect on the people, neighborhoods, infrastructure, future funding in our township.

Thank you,

Clinton McKay
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 8:28:52 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Marie Satchivi
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Marie Satchivi
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 9:04:23 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christa Manahan
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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I am a stakeholder in several ways. I am a parent in Pike Township. I am an educator in Washington Township, and I am a taxpayer in Pike Township.

Thank you,

Christa Manahan
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 9:08:18 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jacqueline Miller
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly oppose the Girls STEM Academy proposed for the Michigan Rd. site. Charter schools open and close, leaving many students behind academically. It is also extremely concerning that the Paramount organization went out of town to get this charter approved. Please oppose this rezoning.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Miller
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/26/2024 11:10:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sara Silver Lee
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Sara Silver Lee
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:06:18 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Eliot Pell
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This property is not fit to be a school. Not only is there not enough space for the students inside the building, the traffic report clearly states that changes need to be made not only to the building and grounds itself, but the surrounding area for it to become a safe place for students to go and parents to drop off/ pick them up. Not only that, but a charter being in the vicinity of Washington Township takes away from teachers. Public school teachers are here for the betterment of the community. Taking away funding from our classrooms has been happening slowly over the last decade and this is just another cherry on top. This is not okay and should not go through.

Thank you,

Eliot Pell
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:15:49 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Senator J.D. Ford
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

To the Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner:

I am writing in as a concerned elected official regarding the rezone proposal submitted by Paramount Schools of Excellence.

My first concern is about Paramount not being a member of the local community. The charter authorizer for Paramount is Trine, which is hours away from our local community. This has caused there to be concern about the lack of transparency in the process. What has also raised concern in this process is the number of community meetings and the effort to notify the school district. As it stands, Paramount has not taken the steps to hold the correct number of community meetings. Paramount has also failed to notify the school district, which raises a concern about Paramount's ability to work in cooperation with the school district.

Furthermore, Paramount's project is moving forward without the proper zoning. Again, this shows a lack of collaboration with the city of Indianapolis. It has also been reported that Paramount is recruiting students via unsolicited text messages. This, to me, is a high-pressure tactic on students.

It would not be beneficial for the community nor the school district for Paramount to create a charter school in the community.

Thank you,

Senator J.D. Ford
Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 1:25:00 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Tracy Desserich

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose.

Thank you,

Tracy Desserich

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 1:36:44 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jonathan Bryant
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am concerned about safety. Traffic is already overly congested and conditions are unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. Infrastructure improvements would need to be made to improve safety. However, based on inadequate infrastructure for safety in the school zone at the intersection of Kessler and Michigan, funds for improvements are not available and increased traffic would exacerbate existing conditions.

Thank you,

Jonathan Bryant
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 1:43:43 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Renee Foor

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of Winthrop Presbyterian Church for a charter school.

Thank you,

Renee Foor

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 1:52:43 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mrs. Jessica Fraser
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have the following concerns:

- Concerns about the proposed use of the property as a school rather than its current church use;
- Concerns about access to the property;
- Concerns about safety
- Concerns about screening of potential use;
- Concerns about the comprehensive plan (the comprehensive plan currently says the property is to be rural or estate neighborhood which includes rural or agricultural areas and historic, urban areas with estate-style homes on large lots with a residential density of less than one dwelling unit per acre);
- The pattern book does not identify this as a place for institutional type uses;

Thank you,

Mrs. Jessica Fraser
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 2:14:21 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Walter E. Nordstrom, Ed.D.
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. The proposed school for this property would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Various issues are raised concerning the proposed changes including safety issues from new traffic patterns that would over-stress existing transportation systems, educational equity issues based on a lack of data to show efficacy in this area from the proposing educational entity, and myriad educational outcome issues suggested by the already shoddy execution of communication from the proposing entity. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Walter E. Nordstrom, Ed.D.
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 2:33:59 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Emily VanOsdol

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am concerned about the opening of a new school so close to an existing MSDWT school.

Thank you,

Emily VanOsdol

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 2:56:47 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kate Amos
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Kate Amos
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 3:16:37 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Amanda Louden

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose this VERY STRONGLY. Unnecessary, unneeded, indoctrination factory.

Thank you,

Amanda Louden

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:14:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Rachel Sever
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school is not needed in Washington Township and would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Rachel Sever
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:19:35 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Shawn Wright-Browner

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Shawn Wright-Browner

Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:42:31 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Courtney Hopp
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Rezoning of this building will be problematic for a myriad of reasons.

Traffic flow on Michigan Rd is already difficult at 8am and 4pm and this school has no busing so it will be all car riders, adding to the traffic flow

The property sits on a septic system for plumbing, likely flooding will happen and change to the land due to proposed enrollment of 400 students, daily Monday thru Friday.

I do not support this rezoning.

Thank you,

Courtney Hopp
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:49:27 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Nikki Woodson-Bass
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Nikki Woodson-Bass
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:50:05 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Rachelle Hardiman Bible
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Rachelle Hardiman Bible
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:52:40 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christina Smith
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

As a resident of IPS school district I have seen first hand how schools that rely on individual transportation negatively impact the neighborhood that they are in. Cars sitting in the residential and even main roads, causing traffic issues. This school would cause traffic issues on Michigan road multiple times a day because the infrastructure isn't in place to support the amount of cars and how long they have to line up and wait.

Additionally while the school has stated that it would only be about 300 students they have been in discussions with Purdue Poly Technique high schools to co-locate a high school at the site as well. This was discussed during the February PPHS Englewood board meeting. It should be known that Paramount Englewood and PPHS Englewood are co-located at one location on East Washington St.

Paramount has skirted local authority by obtaining charters for 5 schools with no address from Trine University which is 3 hours away. Locals had zero knowledge that they were attempting to obtain these. The school has also did no community engagement prior to deciding on the location. Even after they decided they did not contact neighbors to let them know of the changes.

I ask that you deny the rezoning request for Paramount Schools.

Thanks,

Christina Smith

Thank you,

Christina Smith
Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:55:16 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Thiwasha Harper

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Thiwasha Harper

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 6:56:00 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Deirdre George Davis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Deirdre George Davis
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 7:01:54 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Gershom D Davis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

These charter schools steal and suck funding from public schools and then close (sometimes in the middle of the school year) once they have obtained the money they seek. This leaves kids (and parents) to have to scramble and possibly experience setbacks in their learning. You can't complain about public schools not being adequate while you come along and are a major cause of their inadequacy.

Thank you,

Gershom D Davis
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 7:03:34 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Nicholas Davis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

This school will undermine everything already being done in MSDWT. I pay taxes and desire that those dollars be used for traditional public schools, not schools which historically are inequitable and don't serve the needs of every student. Do not allow this school to open in msdwt

Thank you,

Nicholas Davis
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 7:07:44 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Noah Davis

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Noah Davis

Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 7:14:41 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Hilary Freeman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Hilary Freeman
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 7:37:14 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Monica Hammons
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Monica Hammons
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:29:27 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Azjah Bass
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Azjah Bass
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:30:15 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christina Woodson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Christina Woodson
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:30:49 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christian Woodson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Christian Woodson
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:32:36 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mike Schmid
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Mike Schmid
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:33:05 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Johnny Alderman

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Johnny Alderman
Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:33:38 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Lyra Schmid
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Lyra Schmid
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:33:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Azjah Bass
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Azjah Bass
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:33:57 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Cody Schmid
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Cody Schmid
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:38:33 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Diana Fisher

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Diana Fisher

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:44:07 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kellie Brotherton

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Kellie Brotherton

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:45:47 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Hwa Tsu

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Hwa Tsu

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:48:57 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Leah Floyd
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Leah Floyd
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:57:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Suzanne Zybert
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Suzanne Zybert
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:57:54 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christy Jacobi
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Christy Jacobi
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:57:58 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Graham Collins
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Graham Collins
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 8:59:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Habib Malang Diatta
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Habib Malang Diatta
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:00:11 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jill Reid

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Jill Reid

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:01:03 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jt Lang
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

As an educator, I argue this would help neither the neighborhood nor the overall education of the students. It undermines public education.

Thank you,

Jt Lang
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:01:11 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kelly Schneider

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Kelly Schneider

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:01:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Erin Lizer
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I am both a concerned educator and parent in MSDWT. This is completely unacceptable for both MSDWT and MSDPT.

Thank you,

Erin Lizer
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:01:37 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Patricia Ann Payne
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I have been a member of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church for over 50 years, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis now residing in Pike Township and a veteran public school educator. I strongly oppose the rezoning of this property for a school for all the reasons already listed. Thank you for considering my opposition.

Thank you,

Patricia Ann Payne
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:07:07 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Brian Thoele

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Brian Thoele

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:07:33 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Brittany Haworth
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Brittany Haworth
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:07:42 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Megan Alderman

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Megan Alderman

Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:08:00 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Stefan Hoff

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Stefan Hoff

Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:09:27 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Peggy Alderman

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Peggy Alderman
Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:11:45 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tamika Rodriguez
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Tamika Rodriguez
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:11:58 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Megan Quiring
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Megan Quiring
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:23:26 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kristina Frey
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I am an elected school board member in Washington Township and I oppose this rezoning. A school (particularly, as in this case, a school that does not intend to provide transportation to students) is not an appropriate use for this particular site. Schools start and end during or close to rush hour times (unlike churches, the prior property use). Michigan St is an incredibly busy thoroughfare, and a major feeder for commuters into downtown. I used to live just off College Avenue, directly across from the entrance to a private school (Park Tudor) and I saw how a school without transportation can tie up traffic on a major thoroughfare terribly, when it is concentrated during rush hour like this. In fact, in past years Washington Township transportation has had to look at rerouting options for buses on that particular stretch of College, and having had a child who needed to catch a bus there while traffic was gridlocked, was very difficult. It may seem like not that many cars, and a short amount of time, but it can and does result in absolute gridlock during the time when commuters need to get to work and busses need to be able to get down major thoroughfares in order to get children to their schools on time. Also note that when a private or charter school ties up traffic like this, it ends up hurting the public school children when it creates issues with buses getting through, and getting through on time.

Thank you,

Kristina Frey
Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:25:14 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Lydia Bell
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Rezoning to allow for a charter school in this location is unnecessary and will harm the community by siphoning funds from the local, public schools. Another charter is not necessary, nor welcome. There is an excellent public school within a mile of the proposed site and numerous existing charter opportunities within the area. I strongly oppose the rezoning proposal.

Thank you,

Lydia Bell
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:29:25 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Windi Hornsby
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Windi Hornsby
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:29:59 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Joe Troyer

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Joe Troyer

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:32:17 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Megan Noel
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Megan Noel
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:32:31 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jason Noel

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Jason Noel

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:33:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Steven Thompson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Steven Thompson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:33:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Krista Bone
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Krista Bone
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:33:35 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jason Bone
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Jason Bone
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:34:45 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jacob Mann
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Jacob Mann
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:34:59 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Katy Mann
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Katy Mann
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:37:33 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Ashley Floyd
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Ashley Floyd
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:37:47 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Richard Floyd

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Richard Floyd
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:38:18 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Connie Quinn Hornsby
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Connie Quinn Hornsby
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:48:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kevin Hanlon
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I live in the neighborhood behind this church and there is already too much traffic spilling over from Michigan rd. into the residential areas. I regularly ride my bike down Knollton and through the neighborhood but with increased traffic to and from a school, I worry those roads will no longer be passable by bike, neither morning or afternoon, as they are already narrow. There will be cut across traffic from neighborhoods across Kessler (both north and west), from those who want to avoid the back up on Michigan Rd, even up from 38th if they commute from the south and our neighborhood isn't built for that. With no bus service the lines will be incredibly long and will inhibit the residents getting to and from our homes. This building is a church, not a school, please consider the impact to those of us who live here and will be impacted daily. Thank you.

Thank you,

Kevin Hanlon
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:57:57 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jamie Rogers

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Jamie Rogers
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 9:58:26 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Nicholas Davis

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Nicholas Davis
Other

DATE: 2/27/2024 10:04:21 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Delbert Culp
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Delbert Culp
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 10:35:22 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: AnneMarie Chambers
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

AnneMarie Chambers
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 10:48:29 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Siobhan Cathey
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Siobhan Cathey
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 11:04:08 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sara Griewank
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Sara Griewank
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 11:04:53 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Andy Griewank
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Andy Griewank
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 11:17:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jessica McNiel
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Jessica McNiel
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 11:20:22 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Joanna Yarbrough
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Joanna Yarbrough
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 11:28:15 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tyler Thiems
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Tyler Thiems
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 11:29:09 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maria Arias
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Maria Arias
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/27/2024 11:33:46 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Elisa Knoll
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Elisa Knoll
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 12:24:35 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Karen Gouge

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Karen Gouge
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 12:25:14 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kenneth Gouge
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Kenneth Gouge
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 1:18:06 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Isabel Ruegger

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Isabel Ruegger

Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 2:53:48 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Gayle Cosby, Ph.D.

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Gayle Cosby, Ph.D.

Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 3:15:48 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Elsa Bueno

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Elsa Bueno

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 5:59:24 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Vicki Ayres
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Vicki Ayres
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 7:12:08 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Cheryl Guieb
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Cheryl Guieb
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 7:25:56 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Julie Wright
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Julie Wright
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 7:53:53 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Larry Young
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Larry Young
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:30:10 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Julie Fritz
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

This stretch of road is too congested to handle the traffic of a school. I am opposed to the rezoning of the property

Thank you,

Julie Fritz
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:41:48 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Gina Davis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Please, let's just continue to support our local public schools. They have served our community well for many decades and need our ongoing support through this challenging time in education. We hardly need to divide our resources and kids into separate spaces.

Thank you,

Gina Davis
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 8:45:20 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Charlene Fletcher
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Charlene Fletcher
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:03:56 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Claudia Williamson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

I opposed to the charter school

In our township is not fair to have that kind of school in our area. I been a resident for 26 years. Both my children attended Harcourt Elementary

Spring milk Elementary

Westland middle school

North central high school

We do not support the charter school

Thank you,

Claudia Williamson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:18:46 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Charley Jackson

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Charley Jackson
Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:19:21 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kimberly Lucy
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

This area of Washington Township was not zoned for school use. The high volume traffic on Michigan Rd will pose safety issues. In addition, no institution should be allowed to make shortcuts in an effort to make a quick decision when it comes to schools in a neighborhood.

Thank you,

Kimberly Lucy
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:32:46 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Angie Mason
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

There is already an excellent public school in that neighborhood. Why should an unregulated charter school be allowed to open on a property that isn't zoned for institutional use which will cause more traffic as well? Not necessary.

Thank you,

Angie Mason
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:40:21 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Esha Suleiman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Esha Suleiman
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:46:08 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Troy Inman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Troy Inman
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:46:20 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Julie Dilts
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

My two primary concerns are (1) the diversion of public funding away from existing public schools to support a private school in our township and (2) the impact of another school on the current teacher shortage. Funding is critical to the ability of Washington Township Schools to support our student needs. MSDWT does an amazing job supporting ALL types of students with the limited resources it is given by the State. Stop taking money away from public schools and requiring more of public schools than you require of private schools. Similarly, adding another school in a location where it is not needed will exacerbate the existing teacher shortage, creating inefficiency and redundancy.

Thank you,

Julie Dilts
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:50:28 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Derek Hamilton
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

This site is wholly unsuited for a school, as it is on a septic system and can't accommodate the frequent, heavy traffic. There is also absolutely no need for a school here, as the school market is unsaturated in this area.

Thank you,

Derek Hamilton
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:53:31 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christine Swarm
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Christine Swarm
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 9:58:27 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maggie Bishop
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Maggie Bishop
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:00:18 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jennifer Culhan
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Our public school district, the MSD of Washington Township, is an exceptional district. We do not need another alternative in Washington Township

Thank you,

Jennifer Culhan
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:00:29 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: DeeEllen and Tom Davis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

We raised our three daughters in Washington Township schools. Two grandchildren are attending North Central and more to start next year. Our schools need our tax money. We do not want a charter school in our district taking our daughters. We are also Girl Scouts and do not approve the partnership of using GS resources with this planned charter school. We live nearby and are also concerned about traffic with a school that has no transportation. Two of our daughters work in the sciences (physician and middle school science teacher). They all got all the science options needed to make good career decisions along with their male peers.

Thank you,

DeeEllen and Tom Davis
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:03:56 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maggie Zillinger
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Maggie Zillinger
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:04:30 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Paul Osterman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

We have excellent traditional public schools. Those schools should be funded and supported by the state legislature rather than undermined by promoting charter schools.

Thank you,

Paul Osterman
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:08:33 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Greg Foster
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Charter schools, divert resources away from traditional public schools, leading to unequal Funding and opportunities for students. Additionally, charter schools are less transparent and lack of accountability oversight compared traditional public schools..

Thank you,

Greg Foster
Other

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:10:01 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Brian Tabor
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

There is no need for this additional school in our township that will create traffic issues for nearby residents since there is no transportation. It will also harm our public school system by drawing away state resources. We have excellent schools already that should be supported.

Thank you,

Brian Tabor
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/28/2024 10:14:11 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tracey Horth Krueger
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal for the property located at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Tracey Horth Krueger
Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/27/2023 11:49:42 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: John Helling
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the approval of a new charter school within MSDWT boundaries.

My reasons are:

- The charter authorizer is not local.
- They have failed to hold the required community meetings.
- They have failed to notify the school district.
- They have failed to ensure proper zoning.
- Property tax money is being demanded by this school which should only support public schools.
- Crooked Creek & multiple high-performing schools are very close.

Washington Township does not need another charter school. Even the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation reports that Paramount isn't equitably educating children across demographics of race, ability, and income levels. Paramount has a history of high teacher turnover and an unusually high number of teachers with 0-2 yrs of experience and teachers unlicensed in the subjects they are teaching. Paramount doesn't provide transportation, and their testing and other data excludes all children whose families are unable to drive them to school.

Thank you,

John Helling
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/27/2023 2:18:11 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jasmine Rau
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This is unwanted and not needed! We need to be funding public schools more not building charters. Keep this out of our city!

Thank you,

Jasmine Rau
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/27/2023 7:35:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Hilary Freeman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am incredibly concerned by Paramount , a charter whose data shows they don't equitably educate kids being given ANOTHER school. Paramount did not follow the required processes in order to gain proper zoning or following charter procedures. There are GREAT schools in the area who provide transportation and equitable education. This neighborhood does not need this school.

Thank you,

Hilary Freeman
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/28/2023 4:48:31 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kelly Campbell
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Location and safety are a concern. Also property taxes. We're not even going to put our children in this school. Even if we did, why should we have to pay taxes towards multiple schools. Our taxes have already went up about double in the last 8 years. It's hard enough to live and pay as it is.

Thank you,

Kelly Campbell
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/28/2023 10:16:34 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jessica Bowyer
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am concerned about the use of this location as a school rather than a church. This proposed school will drain tax dollars from the high-quality existing schools in the area, especially Crooked Creek Elementary which serves all students, boys and girls, and kids of every ability. Our established public schools have the existing expertise and resources to provide a high quality education for girls in STEM, including access to specialized and ever expanding courses and clubs. The existence of a new charter school will only hurt local girls in that it drains resources from the public school system. It is simply not needed and detrimental to our local community. It is a shame that these applications are being processed by Trine University, who does not have any stake in our local community. This process should not be allowed.

Thank you,

Jessica Bowyer
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/28/2023 3:55:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Bonnie Kandel
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of the Knollton Heights neighborhood located less than a mile from the proposed site of the Paramount Schools of Excellence Girls Stem school in the 5100 block of Michigan Road N. This location is a few BLOCKS from Crooked Creek Elementary School, a thriving public school that my children attended. We do not need another school in this neighborhood.

The school is being authorized by Trine University of Angola, more than 100 miles outside of Indianapolis and certainly outside of Washington Township. They have a board of 3 people. Only one of the members has an education background. Their approval of this school does not affect their community but it hurts mine. We are a blue-collar, working-class neighborhood. Paying more taxes because a charter school has moved in and demands it will be a burden and an undoing of one of the most diverse, historically integrated, neighborhoods in Indianapolis.

Paramount purchased the historically black church that is the proposed site for the new charter school but did not do their due diligence and explore zoning before purchase. That's unfortunate for them, however, the school is not needed. The zoning of this area is for churches and home sites and should remain unchanged to protect the integrity of the neighborhood.

The traffic along the 5100 block of Michigan Road from school pick up and drop off (the school will not provide transportation to students) will disrupt the flow of traffic going both north and south. Driving north and turning left across several lanes of traffic to enter the school will be hazardous for all of us. The entrance to this lot passes through 2 front yards of long-standing homes of the area. Again, it's a safety issue.

Finally, the building sits behind a gas station. The gas station sells vapes and all kinds of THC products including gummies and sexual enhancement products. This would be the school's nearest neighbor.....I imagine this is not exactly what the city planned for when zoning.

Thank you for considering the concerns of the residents of this neighborhood.

Thank you,

Bonnie Kandel
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/29/2023 10:13:59 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Thien
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a resident of Washington Township, parent of students in Washington Township, and middle school teacher in Washington Township, I am incredibly concerned with the prospect of a charter school coming into our community. Not only do charter schools siphon money away from public schools, they continue to perpetuate long standing issues of school segregation. Washington Township and the local IPS schools are blessed to have incredibly diverse student bodies that represent our local community. Washington Township is one of the most academically outstanding school districts in Marion county and it serves large numbers of English Language Learners and students with disabilities; charter schools are selective and have no requirement or oversight to serve these underserved populations. As a former educator in New Orleans, Louisiana, I have seen the unfortunate plight of the privatization of education- it dismantles thriving school communities and neighborhood schools. It creates educational ghettos, where charter schools selectively choose their student body, leaving a disproportionate number of students with higher needs in public schools- now with less funding and less diversity. As a parent of a child who has an IEP and the many students I teach, I can attest that charter schools coming into our neighborhood will hurt our current school community and the equitable education that all students are entitled to.

Thank you,

Emily Thien
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/30/2023 10:38:50 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mary Alice Dawson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have Concerns about the comprehensive plan (the comprehensive plan currently says the property is to be rural or estate neighborhood which includes rural or agricultural areas and historic, urban areas with estate-style homes on large lots with a residential density of less than one dwelling unit per acre);

Thank you,

Mary Alice Dawson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 12/30/2023 12:24:10 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Larry Young
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am writing in opposition to the rezoning of 5136 Michigan Rd for the new purpose of Paramount School of Excellence charter school. To the best of my knowledge, the public hearing held on June 6th was not communicated to the local school district. In my experience, individuals and families rely on the local school district to disseminate such information. Furthermore, in addition to local residents, local educators and members of the local school community were not provided with an opportunity to give input.

On Paramount's charter application, under the Evidence of Community Support section, there were 3 letters. Two of the letters were from residents of South Bend. Neither letter was recently written. The third letter was from Purdue Polytechnic of South Bend. There were no letters of support from anyone in the local community. It is obvious that Trine University did little to no vetting of the application.

In review of current Paramount School of Excellence schools, as shared in the June 6th PowerPoint posted on Trine University's website, there has been a steady decline of ILEARN scores. Paramount Englewood and Paramount Online are currently performing below the state's average.

In closing, as a resident and educator in the MSD of Pike Township, I am certain that it is Paramount's goal to enroll students from Pike Township. The proposed location borders both Washington and Pike Townships. The MSD of Pike Township experienced overall increases in IREAD-3, ILEARN, and graduation rate in 2023. The overall graduation rate for Pike High School was 96.2% which is one of (if not the highest) graduation rate for a school district that enrolls 90% children of color in the nation. I don't believe that it was an oversight that the public hearing was not adequately communicated to the public. Instead, I am confident that Paramount is well aware of the success of the MSD of Washington Township and the MSD of Pike Township; as a result, I have no doubt that Paramount also knows the pride that residents in both communities feel regarding their local school district.

Thank you,

Larry Young
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/1/2024 7:38:17 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Esha Suleiman

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Am not in favor of another charter school in my area, that will take our tax money for just a few people. I strongly support public schools.

Thank you,

Esha Suleiman

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/1/2024 6:06:49 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Pam Williams

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am concerned about the proposed use of the property as a school rather than its current church use.

Thank you,

Pam Williams

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/1/2024 8:14:26 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kate Branson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a parent and educator in Washington Township I do not see any need for a charter school to be built close to Crooked Creek.

Crooked Creek Elementary School meets the needs of every child. It is a stupendous school with space for all in the community. There is no reason to have charter schools nearby. Last year Crooked Creek's 3rd graders scored very well on the IREAD test. Adding a charter school close by will divide resources for our students and families where there is no need to create additional hardship.

Thank you,

Kate Branson
Other

DATE: 1/2/2024 11:18:45 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: David Holly
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This letter is being submitted to share my opposition to the rezoning of the property located at 5136 Michigan Rd. from a church to a Paramount-Charter School. It has been brought to my attention that a Public Meeting was held on June 6, 2023. However, many members of both the Washington Township and Pike Township school communities were not informed that a public meeting was scheduled. I find it very concerning that residents and members of the school community were not given the opportunity to share how a school at this location could impact the area. For example, how a school located there would increase the day to day car and school bus traffic at the intersection of 52nd and Michigan Rd.

Also, after reviewing Paramount's submission it is clear that they did not submit letters of support from community members of either Washington Township or Pike Township. As a matter of fact, two letters that were submitted were from South Bend community members. With the third being submitted from the Purdue Polytech School of South Bend.

Finally, based on the location of the proposed school it is evident that the intent of the Paramount-Charter School is to enroll students from both the Washington Township and Pike Township school districts. The latest ILEARN data provided by the state of Indiana Dept. of Education shows that two schools operated by Paramount are currently performing under the state average. Whereas, Pike Township Schools have seen an increase in their ILEARN scores and have an overall graduation rate of 96.2%. Based on this information, I do not believe it is in the best interest of our community to permit Paramount to operate at this location.

Thank you,

David Holly
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/2/2024 1:24:18 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tim Blom
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Opening a school is a huge undertaking and will have an impact on the areas immediately surrounding the property. With Crooked Creek Elementary School just one mile to the north, this is a completely unnecessary endeavor. Crooked Creek students are performing above the state average on 3rd grade literacy, and a Chalkbeat article from the beginning of this school year reported that MSDWT had outperformed all districts in Marion county in recovery from the impact of the pandemic. Crooked Creeks' ILEARN math scores are also above the state average. Technology is a part of each students' weekly set of courses and the Crooked Creek technology teacher will be participating in Project Lead the Way (PLTW) training this year. MSD Washington Township elementary and middle schools are preparing students to achieve in STEM areas when they reach high school. MSDWT students score far above the state average on the Biology assessment with female students outperforming their male counterparts by more than 4 percentage points in the spring of 2023. Technology course options for students at the middle and high school level continue to grow. There is zero need for another school in this area, so any disruption to the neighborhood and surrounding area can be easily avoided by denying this proposal and encouraging the group to take their plan to an area that may benefit.

Thank you,

Tim Blom
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/2/2024 1:39:20 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Eric Broemel
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

There is no reason to rezone the church as a school. Literally right down the road there is a newly renovated crooked creek elementary school that offered high quality public education for all.

Thank you,

Eric Broemel
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/2/2024 3:57:19 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Alicia J. Gatewood, PHD

Director of Exceptional Learners - MSD of Pike Township

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am writing in opposition to the rezoning of 5136 Michigan Rd for the new purpose of Paramount School of Excellence charter school. As a homeowner in Washington Township until October 27, 2023, I did not receive notice of the public hearing being held on June 6, 2023. As both a parent to school aged children and Indiana educator for over two decades, I know that families and community members rely on the local school corporation to share information related to any changes or impacts to the educational landscape closest to them. This lack of information as a resident, forces me to believe that in addition to local residents, local educators and members of the local school community were not provided with an opportunity to give input.

I am further disappointed by the lack of vetting by Trine University of the application. Of the three letters provided, two letters were not recently written and were not provided by people who live, work, or have vested interest in our community. The third letter was from Purdue Polytechnic of South Bend, again, not someone vested in our community. The lack of support from the local community should have been noted by Trine University..

In my personal review of current Paramount School of Excellence schools, as shared in the slide deck posted on Trine University's website, I noted a steady decline of ILEARN scores, did Trine vet this public information? Both Paramount Englewood and Paramount Online are currently performing below the state's average.

As a recent a resident of Washington Township and an educator in the MSD of Pike Township, I suspect that Paramount's primary goal to enroll students from both Washington and Pike Townships based on the proposed location that borders both townships. One of the many reasons I left the Indiana Department of Education to join Pike Township is because the students there have experienced overall increases in IREAD-3, ILEARN, and the graduation rate in 2023. The overall graduation rate for Pike High School was 96.2% which is one of the highest graduation rates across the state for a school corporation that enrolls 90% black and brown students.

I am disappointed by the lack of transparency in this process. I do not believe that the public hearing was adequately communicated to the public. I am however, confident that Paramount is well aware of the successes of both Washington Township and Pike Township and the pride their communities have for their school corporations.

Thank you,

Alicia J. Gatewood

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 9:59:20 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Carla Schmid
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am a concerned neighbor who lives across the street from the proposed school. I oppose this rezoning. Traffic patterns on Michigan are already dangerous and result in fatalities at the intersection of Michigan Road & Kessler and Michigan Road & Grandview every month. There is no turning lane to enter the proposed school/property. Also, the gas station that would be accessible by students sells THC gummies, sex toys, and drug paraphernalia. In addition to the property not being appropriate for a school, the property resides within Washington Township--which already has a thriving school system and multiple STEM opportunities both at the elementary and secondary level. I do not want my tax dollars going towards a school that our community has not asked for and that only 1/2 the kids in the surrounding neighborhoods would be excluded from enrolling based on their gender. The proposed school is not a true public school--it would provide no transportation, there are no plans for fully staff special education or English as a New Language, and boys can't even enroll. That is a private school concept and should be funded with private dollars. Our family strongly opposes this rezoning and will be watching the proceedings closely.

Thank you,

Carla Schmid
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 10:33:05 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Casey Oglesby
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Casey Oglesby
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 10:48:52 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Deylon Hunt

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am against the rezoning

Thank you,

Deylon Hunt

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 10:49:30 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Rachel Showalter
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Rachel Showalter
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 10:50:23 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mike Poindexter
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Mike Poindexter
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 10:53:19 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kristen Poindexter
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Additionally, this proposed school and its leaders have not been forthcoming or truthful in their plans and past attempts at opening their proposed school. Limiting enrollment to a select group of students, and bussing them from other areas does not provide equal access to ALL students.

Thank you,

Kristen Poindexter
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 10:55:35 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Matthew Kaiser
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Washington Township already provides ample educational opportunities to my children and the children in our community. Additionally, for those desiring private or charter school options there are already several parochial and charter schools in the area providing this opportunity. An additional school to further dilute the impact of state dedicated educational dollars is both unwise and inappropriate. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Matthew Kaiser
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 10:58:52 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Ali Camp

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Ali Camp

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:02:47 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jason Bullock
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Jason Bullock
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:04:04 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Matthew Ambrosen
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Matthew Ambrosen
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:04:33 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Antwaniqua Wilson

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose

Thank you,

Antwaniqua Wilson

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:04:49 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Stephanie Campbell
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Stephanie Campbell
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:07:14 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Taryn Greaser
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. There are several excellent Washington Township schools within a close proximity, so this proposed institution is unnecessary and would create both traffic issues and safety concerns for any potential students. Furthermore, because this school is not needed in Washington Township, it would be an inappropriate use of our taxpayer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be carefully following the proceedings.

Thank you,

Taryn Greaser
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:07:23 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Ashley Monroe
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose this use of property. It will only further divide resources. There are great schools in the area and this is unnecessary.

Thank you,

Ashley Monroe
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:07:38 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kirstie Andersen
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose rezoning this property. Having a school here would cause additional traffic concerns. Michigan Road already has several school zones. Another school would cause traffic to back up during the busiest commute times. I also foresee more accidents as there isn't a dedicated turn lane into the property. At the very least, an extensive traffic study should be conducted.

Also, use of this building for a school will not benefit the citizens of Washington Township. There is already an excellent public school nearby and at least two private schools nearby. Another school would drain resources from MSDWT schools while providing benefits and access to a select few. Furthermore, charter schools often shut down with no advanced warning. This would leave the property vacant.

I oppose rezoning this property for school use.

Thank you,

Kirstie Andersen
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:09:24 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Bill Pitcock
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed charter school, due to traffic concerns and the fact that this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Washington Township schools provide a wealth of STEM opportunities currently in elementary and middle schools. They are open and accessible to all students.

Thank you,

Bill Pitcock
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:12:53 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Beth Carter

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Rd

Thank you,

Beth Carter

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:14:14 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Nichole Kelley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I would like to share my concern about this school being allowed to open.

1. This school does not have the proven the data demonstrate a true track record of the students' performance.
2. Members of the community were not contacted to learn of the interest for such a school in our area.
3. As a tax payer I do not want to continue to see the dismantling of our public education system.
4. It has been documented that students may leave a public school district and go to a charter, however when they have a special need, behavior issue or specific learning needs that the students return back to their home district and the funds to educate these students often do not return with these students and th district must absorb the cost of these students.
5. The proposed location would require rezoning. Again the concern that residents in this area were not adequately notified of the charter application, and therefore, they were not provided an opportunity to hear the charter presentation and provide input for or against it. Employees of Washington or Pike Townships did not receive notice of the charter hearing which has been typical practice. Families typically rely on the local school district to disseminate such information.

Thank you for time and consideration as you make this decision.

Thank you,

Nichole Kelley
Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:16:03 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Matt W
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This area does not need another school and I don't believe it should be zoned for one. My taxes would be better spent on the two surrounding, fantastic, school districts.

Thank you,

Matt W
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:17:27 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Alison Schumacher
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. We have strong public schools in Washington Township and allowing this rezoning for an unneeded charter school in the township will dilute the funds for our public schools, which must serve any and all children, not a selected few. This proposed school is not needed in Washington Township and would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning.

Thank you,

Alison Schumacher
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:20:10 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Natalie Manthey
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have concerns about the potential for a charter school on Michigan Road. I am concerned about the access on off Michigan Road. I'm concerned about the safety. I have significant concerns about how Paramount Charter did not appropriately seek out the proper steps in trying to follow protocol. I'm completely opposed to a charter school in Washington Township.

Thank you,

Natalie Manthey
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:22:14 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anne Kelley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Concerned about a school going into the church, safety and traffic.

Thank you,

Anne Kelley
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:23:44 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Ann Midkiff
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Ann Midkiff
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:26:25 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Shannon Bonds
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose this Charter school coming to my child's township as it will take away taxpayer dollars and there is no room there for a school.

Thank you,

Shannon Bonds
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:28:47 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Cynthia Lambert
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

January 3, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I am a concerned educator and parent of a Washington township student. Bringing a charter school into our boundaries is not what we need or want in our community. To rezone a faith community to usage as a school is taking away resources from the community. We have a high quality educational facility not even a mile away, Crooked Creek Elementary.

As the School Social Worker at Crooked Creek Elementary, I work with a diverse group of students and families to support their needs. We work with all students and families including refugees, immigrants, unhoused, food insecure, middle class, special education, and diverse racial background and family structures.

We have many students that choose to come to Crooked Creek for the high quality education and the ability to meet all the needs of our students.

I have many concerns with the proposal that was not even tailored to fit the needs of our community.

Please vote no on allowing this rezoning to occur and bring a charter school which the community has not even asked for.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Lambert, MSW, LCSW, LSSW

Thank you,

Cynthia Lambert
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:33:21 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tyler Thiems
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I do not think this is a good use of taxpayers money as there are other successful schools in the near vicinity. My family opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Tyler Thiems
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 11:33:33 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Laura VanderHaeghen
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a resident and tax payer of Washington Township, parent of MSDWT 1st and 4th graders (the elder is a Girl Scout), and a teacher in the district as well, I strongly oppose the opening of the Girls STEM academy run by Paramount Schools. Washington Township is home to a wonderfully diverse and strong school system that offers many ways for our students to be involved in clubs as well as offering a technology special in our elementary schools and many Project Lead the Way courses at the secondary level. Our schools are open to all students, and have a place for everyone to belong. We do not need a charter school within our boundaries. Charter schools in Indianapolis do not have a strong track record of consistency or accountability. Pike Township and Washington Township offer strong public schools in close proximity to this location, so there is no need for increased traffic and safety concerns with the opening of this charter school in what had been a church on a site not well suited to a K-8 school. Please oppose the rezoning of 5136 Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Laura VanderHaeghen
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kelsey Fifer
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds.

I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Kelsey Fifer
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Andrea McCoy
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. There are also significant local charter options already in place.

Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Andrea McCoy
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Shawna Simmons
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds.

Thank you,

Shawna Simmons
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:06:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kristen Juarez
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Kristen Juarez
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:25:17 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Joshua Simonds
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I vehemently oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. The proposition for a new school raises serious apprehensions, particularly regarding traffic issues and the unnecessary nature of this facility in Washington Township. Allocating taxpayer funds for such an unwarranted project is not only objectionable but also a flagrant misuse of public resources. Our family adamantly opposes the rezoning and pledges to vigilantly monitor the proceedings to ensure our concerns are duly acknowledged and addressed.

Thank you,

Joshua Simonds
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:27:21 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jennifer Boehm
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Hearing Examiner, I write to express my opposition to the rezoning request for 5136 Michigan Road to allow for a school there. This proposal is contrary to the Comprehensive Plan recommendation for this land and would increase safety issues for the children at the school. Since charter schools do not provide transportation for students the traffic will be increased during am and pm rush hours on busy Michigan Road.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to learning the results of the hearing.

Thank you,

Jennifer Boehm
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:28:28 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Marla Palacios
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. The rezoning is not necessary due to proximity to an already established Washington Township school and is not an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Furthermore, the additional traffic created would be a burden on Washington Township stakeholders.

Thank you,

Marla Palacios
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:31:22 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kristen Nicoson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds.

Thank you,

Kristen Nicoson
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:36:43 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Ramadhani Ali Dhaudi
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Am strongly opposing any new charter school and zoning in my area.

Thank you,

Ramadhani Ali Dhaudi
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:44:58 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Amber Seibert
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Allowing charter schools into a district that already struggles with equity is a recipe for disaster. It shows a complete lack of understanding and a total disrespect for the public education system and its educators. It will widen the achievement, gap and terror part community. Charter schools are not required to take in students for any reason. So unlike the quality public schools already in those townships, they can reject students with specialties or behavior, problems, or based on race. If you look to places like Detroit in New Orleans, where they have allowed charter schools to take over their communities, the inequalities have skyrocketed. Our goal as educators in these communities of underprivileged and majority minority students is to allow them superior opportunities to grow, not to keep them further behind, and to provide them with less advantages based off of privileges.

Thank you,

Amber Seibert
Other

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:49:13 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Marteen L. Hooper
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Thank you!

Thank you,

Marteen L. Hooper
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 12:59:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kevin Melrose
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Kevin Melrose
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:05:44 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maravene Inman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Maravene Inman
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:12:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Stacy Cartmel
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the zoning at 5136 Michigan Road. It is not needed in Washington Township.

Thank you,

Stacy Cartmel
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:12:26 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anat Pinsky
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Anat Pinsky
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:15:36 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Marcia Campbell
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Money is given to charter schools that should be going to public schools. Charter schools have proven less successful than public schools in that students are scoring lower upon state and national testing. Teachers do not have to have their teaching degree.

This proposed school would be in competition with Crooked Creek Elementary School. I find that detrimental to MSDWT.

The land use should not be changed to allow this school to be built. We do not need more traffic congestion in that area. The area should remain zoned as it stands now.

Please do NOT allow this charter school to move forward.

Thank you,

Marcia Campbell
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:15:37 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Stacy Ferguson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds.

Thank you,

Stacy Ferguson
Other

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:17:00 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kathy Chase
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 N Michigan Road. The proposed school is not needed in Washington Township and would be a waste of taxpayer funds. My family strongly opposes this and will be following the issue closely.

Thank you,

Kathy Chase
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:18:29 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Regan Zwald
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a resident of northwest Indianapolis, I am opposed to the re-zoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. The proposed charter school has not sought or gained community support, and it is not needed in our community.

The significant safety and traffic issues have not been addressed.

In addition, the proposed school organization has not shown itself to be a community partner that serves all families and students.

Their transportation and admission policies have already excluded the highest-needs students in our community, such as new English learners and students with disabilities. This proposed zoning change does not reflect a public, community-engaged school.

Our family opposes this zoning change, and we will be closely monitoring this process.

Thank you,

Regan Zwald
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:19:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Danielle Hassan
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. There is no need for the proposed school in Washington Township. This would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Danielle Hassan
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:19:57 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Crystal Paschal
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. We have a strong public school in the community that offers a rich variety of STEM programs for all students, without exception. It will also pull state funding from that public school system. In addition, this property will create traffic concerns for those in the neighborhood.

I would much rather see this property meet a need in the community.

Thank you,

Crystal Paschal
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:20:33 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Rachel Sever
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Rachel Sever
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:24:03 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maggie Hodell
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Maggie Hodell
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:25:29 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Meg Nation
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I would like to state my opposition to a charter school opening in the boundaries of msdwt. The use of the property for a school appears to go against what is specified in the comprehensive plan for the property. In addition concern is noted for a charter school adding to mobility in enrollment in the district

Thank you,

Meg Nation
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:25:31 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Shawn Wright-Browner
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I totally oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be monitoring the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Shawn Wright-Browner
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:26:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Michael Reinhardt
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning at 5136 Michigan rd. I believe this will have a negative traffic impact. In addition, I feel this is an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I will continue to monitor this as I am opposed the this rezoning.

Thank you,

Michael Reinhardt
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:26:15 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Chris Froberg

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This would hurt our Washington Township community. My family is strongly opposed. Please consider the safety for Crooked Creek students and community. Thank you.

Thank you,

Chris Froberg
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:26:50 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: E. Beard
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds.

Thank you,

E. Beard
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:27:43 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Brandon Kepley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Brandon Kepley
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:29:26 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Laura Chittenden

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Laura Chittenden

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:30:00 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Stacey stuteville

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the addition of paramount charter school I. Our district. We have amazing public schools that are serving our community.

Thank you,

Stacey stuteville

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:31:01 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jennifer Culhan
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am vehemently opposed to the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Rd. This charter school is NOT needed in Washington Township. We moved into MSDWT due to the excellent schools that are already there. The traffic implications as well as current needs already being met by MSDWT, a charter school in this area is not needed. We are one community in support of our public school

Thank you,

Jennifer Culhan
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:45:13 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Brenda Day

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the reasoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Rd. There is not a need for another school in Washington Township.

Thank you,

Brenda Day

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:51:49 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anne Deckard
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Anne Deckard
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:53:16 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jasmin Burch

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I opposed the zoning of a Paramount Charter School in Washington Township!

Thank you,

Jasmin Burch

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:54:01 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Reddington
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Emily Reddington
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:54:04 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Dickerson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Great! I am going to buy my ticket in the back row. I think we will all fit there.

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school is not needed in Washington Township and would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Emily Dickerson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 1:57:49 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kelly Ouattara

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed charter school, due to traffic concerns and the fact that this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Kelly Ouattara

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:09:36 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Shannon Howard
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Shannon Howard
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:14:07 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jill Kropa
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

"I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully."

Thank you,

Jill Kropa
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:17:50 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anthony Dean
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a resident, taxpayer, 10-year elementary school educator, and current President of the Washington Township Education Association (WTEA) it is with great passion that I stand with other members of the Washington Township school community to strongly oppose the opening of the Girls STEM Academy with Paramount Schools. Washington Township and its neighbors, Pike Township are both very strong academic public schools. The opening of a charter school at the proposed location of 5136 Michigan Road would cause major traffic and safety concerns, as this location is currently zoned as a place of worship, not a K-8 school. Washington Township is a very diverse school district and we will continue to accept all students. We provide all of our students with a setting where they feel they belong and can be themselves. In our elementary schools, technology is offered as part of our specials rotation and this allows each student to receive instruction from a licensed teacher. Our secondary schools offer amazing Project Lead the Way courses for students to take and those courses are also taught by licensed teachers. As a parent of two students who attended Washington Township Schools (Crooked Creek Elementary, Westlane Middle School and North Central High School), I could not be more pleased with the education and preparation for life after high school they both received. It is for the reasons above, that I ask that you oppose the rezoning of the location of 5136 Michigan Road to a proposed charter school site.

Thank you,

Anthony Dean
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:21:29 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kellee Merritt
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. My family and those families that I support strongly oppose this proposed rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully as we feel that this is unnecessary and not in the best interest of this community.

Thank you,

Kellee Merritt
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:21:30 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Megan Query-Roth
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Megan Query-Roth
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:22:11 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Bryan Smith
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Enough already! We don't need another school. Knock this crap off. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Bryan Smith
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:26:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Philip Roth
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be watching this issue closely.

Thank you,

Philip Roth
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:29:54 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Katie Wylie
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Katie Wylie
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:37:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sandra Salcedo Richardson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Sandra Salcedo Richardson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:38:12 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kimberly Stratton
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Kimberly Stratton
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:39:44 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Pike Township Trustee Annette Johnson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Thank you,

Pike Township Trustee Annette Johnson
Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:41:25 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Rick

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have concerns about the need for another school so close to existing schools. The students of this area have extensive exposure to STEM opportunities already and the schools nearby are perceived as huge assets to the community. Thus, there is no demonstrated need for additional competition.

Thank you,

Rick

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:42:10 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Doug Fredbeck
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Doug Fredbeck
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:44:43 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Kaiser
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am writing today, as a Washington Township property owner, to voice my concerns and opposition to rezoning the property at 5136 Michigan Rd so it can house the Paramount Schools of Excellence Girls STEM Academy.

While I view this request as problematic for several reasons, my primary concern is with use. There are already almost a dozen different types (public, private, religious and charter) of established schools already existing in a two-mile radius of the proposed location. It feels like an incredibly irresponsible way to allocate public funding so resources that already exist within the area can be duplicated. Especially with the track record that 1 in every 3 Indianapolis charter schools has closed over the last 20 years in Indianapolis.

Secondarily, the requested use type has inherent safety and traffic issues being located along the busy Michigan Road. One needs to look no further than the multitude of schools already existing along the same thoroughfare to see the issues that are in play at arrival and dismissal. Many of these established schools were in place well before the traffic levels and development of today existed. They have had to adapt over time and I doubt any of them would choose a location along this roadway as ideal with current conditions and traffic flows.

The understanding that a K-8 school building along a main thoroughfare is not ideal is probably why Paramount identified the property they would secure for use to be rural or estate neighborhoods with residential densities of one dwelling per acre in the comprehensive plan they submitted. The location along Michigan Road is not in alignment with any of those planning objectives and its current zoning reflects that. Changing the zoning is not going to magically change the property to be low-density and rural.

This is not a good fit and we rely on your diligent oversight to recognize this misalignment in our community.

Gratefully,

Emily Kaiser
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:46:31 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Bryan Ramirez
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Bryan Ramirez
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:47:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Chad Michalek
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road for the proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township. This would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings closely.

Thank you,

Chad Michalek
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:48:04 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Laquita maxey

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to a charter school. Washington Township offers several public schools

Thank you,

Laquita maxey

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:51:13 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Michael Oglesby
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Michael Oglesby
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:52:35 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Lori Hudson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Lori Hudson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:52:40 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Hollingsworth
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Emily Hollingsworth
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:55:06 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Azjah Bass

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

As a Washington Township resident and with two children receiving an amazing education in WT Schools I STRONGLY OPPOSE the rezoning proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence.

Thank you,

Azjah Bass

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 2:59:16 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Mandi DeWeese

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of property at 5136 Michigan rd

Thank you,

Mandi DeWeese

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:06:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Rachel Richardson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township where we already have quality education, would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Rachel Richardson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:07:18 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maureen Boyer
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Rd. The proposed school is unnecessary due to the high quality schools already present in Washington Township, and it would add stress to an already busy traffic area. As a taxpayer in the district, I would not want my tax money to go toward yet another unnecessary charter school. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

Maureen Boyer
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:08:36 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Annie Baker

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Annie Baker

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:10:21 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Laura Barber
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Laura Barber
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:11:01 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Carly Bromley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Carly Bromley
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:12:49 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jennifer Kremer
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a WT parent a supporter of public schools, I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Jennifer Kremer
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:13:17 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jill Turcic
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school is not needed in Washington Township and would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Further, this misuse of funds puts additional strain on public schools. There are also traffic and safety concerns, especially since this is a residential area. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Jill Turcic
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:13:57 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Heather Pitcock
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Heather Pitcock
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:20:19 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Bryant
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly oppose the proposed charter school seeking to open at 5136 Michigan Road. Washington Township Schools provide an excellent education to all students making an all girls charter school unnecessary and detrimental to the success of all students in the area, of which the authorizer is likely unaware as Trine University sits several hours away from our neighborhood.

Further, the processes the authorizer engaged to make the neighborhood and local school districts aware of the proposed charter school certainly failed to meet the spirit of the law, if not the letter. Their conduct is outrageous while charter schools run largely unchecked.

Finally, little evidence has been produced to date to show that rezoning to put a third school on N Michigan Road at a busy area will be safe. Paramount does not intent to provide bussing, adding hundreds of cars to the daily commute without an appropriate traffic study and likely to need additional lights and turn lanes at taxpayers' expense.

I respectfully ask that you deny the rezoning request.

Thank you,

Emily Bryant
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:22:14 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Amy Lintern
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Amy Lintern
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:27:58 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Keana Parquet
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a proud school principal I strive to provide a diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning environment for all student at CC. This aligns with the district as well. With this there are many resources to support all students be it ENL students from newcomers to other levels and resource students to our high ability students. Having a school centered around all girls goes against being the district's DEI. One could say a school like this is creating gender stereotypes , suggesting girls need separate programs to be successful in science and technology. This type of school won't have all the resources that come with a public school. The schools in the district are able to provide all students with science and technology instruction currently. This school would take the public monies need to support our students without providing an environment that is more real world. This school seems better fit to be a private school that charges tuition.

Thank you,

Keana Parquet
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:28:06 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Brooke Deram
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school is simply not needed in Washington Township and would be an inappropriate use of our tax payer dollars. Our family opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Brooke Deram
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:37:53 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Nikki Woodson-Bass
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I am writing this letter as the proud Superintendent of Schools for Washington Township, proud resident in Washington Township and as a proud parent of two students being educated in Washington Township Schools to share **STRONG OPPOSITION** of the rezoning proposal submitted by Paramount Schools of Excellence who wish to open a Girls STEM Academy at 5136 Michigan Rd.

Many residents and parents in Washington Township have expressed strong opposition and concerns over the proposed school for various areas. I share and echo all of these same concerns related to traffic safety, long term planning with the property, use of the property as a school instead of a church, etc. Additionally, there are no STEM educational needs unfulfilled by opportunities that already exist within Washington Township Schools.

The Paramount School of Excellence is not needed and as Superintendent of Schools, a Washington Township resident and parent of Washington Township students I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the rezoning proposal.

Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent

Thank you,

Nikki Woodson-Bass
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:44:44 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Leslie Bowles
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Leslie Bowles
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:44:56 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Dr. Wanda Thruston
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dr. Wanda Thruston

1610 Oles Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46228

wdthruston@comcast.net

317-691-2194

January 3, 2024

To: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner

Subject: Opposition to The Paramount Schools of Excellence Charter Network's Zoning Request

I hope this letter finds you well. I strongly OPPOSE The Paramount Schools of Excellence charter network's proposal to open a new all-girls "STEM" charter school at 5136 Michigan Road, just south of Crooked Creek Elementary in the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township. My concerns are related not only to the lack of proper zoning for this project but also to the complete lack of transparency and community input throughout this process and the problems with charter schools in Indianapolis.

As a 55+ year resident just blocks away from the proposed school, a graduate, and mother of five graduates of the Washington Township Public School System, daughter of the first African American teacher at Crooked Creek Elementary School, located less than a mile from the proposed charter school, and sister of another 40+year Washington Township teacher, I have an extreme commitment to the district and its students. Furthermore, I spent 12 years serving on the Washington Township School Board from 2008-2020. My experiences have given me a unique perspective on our education system's challenges.

It has come to my attention that Paramount intends to open this new charter school, despite the fact that the property is currently zoned for religious institutions only. This is a clear violation of zoning regulations, and it is concerning that Paramount has proceeded with its plans without addressing this fundamental issue. Moreover, contradicting their own mission statement: "Paramount Schools empower all students to persevere and achieve academic success in a culture of excitement, inclusion, and community collaboration." Paramount has failed to

notify our community of any public hearings or community meetings regarding this charter school. Both Washington Township and Pike Township have not received any notice from Paramount, leaving our community in the dark about the potential impacts of this project.

What is even more disconcerting is that Paramount chose to have this charter authorized in a location, Trine University, that is located 2 ½ hours away from Indianapolis, with no apparent connection to our community. This raises questions about the network's true intentions and commitment to the local community.

I find this attempt to open a new charter school and demand property taxes within our boundaries without proper zoning, transparency, or input from the local community to be an outrage. The zoning board must intervene to protect the interests of our community and ensure that any proposed developments adhere to the established regulations and procedures.

Here's how you can help address these matters:

1. **Investigate and Confirm Zoning Compliance:** Please thoroughly investigate whether The Paramount Schools of Excellence has obtained the necessary zoning approvals to open a school at the specified location. If they have not, appropriate action should be taken to address this violation.
2. **Ensure Community Engagement:** Facilitate public hearings or community meetings to allow residents to voice their concerns and opinions regarding this proposed charter school. The community's input should be considered before any decisions are made.
3. **Demand Accountability:** Hold The Paramount Schools of Excellence accountable for its actions and ensure they comply with all zoning regulations and legal requirements.

While charter schools were initially introduced as a promising alternative to traditional public education, several issues have emerged over the years, which have a significant and detrimental impact on our city's children and their educational experiences.

One of the most pressing problems is the charter school system's lack of accountability and transparency. Private entities operate many charter schools in Indianapolis, often leading to a lack of oversight and accountability. This lack of transparency has resulted in mismanagement of resources, inadequate educational standards, and a failure to address the diverse needs of our students.

Furthermore, the proliferation of charter schools in Indianapolis has increased competition for limited resources. This competition has resulted in a two-tiered system of education, where some charter schools receive generous funding and support. In contrast, traditional public schools struggle to provide essential resources and programs. As a result, children in our community, particularly black

and brown children, are being left behind, as they are denied access to quality education and vital extracurricular activities.

Another concern is the potential for segregation within the charter school system. In some cases, charter schools have unintentionally or intentionally become racially and economically segregated, leading to disparities in educational opportunities for different groups of children. This is contrary to the principles of equality and inclusivity that should guide our educational system.

Additionally, the fluid nature of charter schools, including frequent closures and relocations, can create instability for students. Children in our city should not have to worry about their school closing or moving mid-year, disrupting their learning environments and affecting their overall educational outcomes.

While charter schools may have had good intentions when they were introduced in Indianapolis, it is evident that they have created significant problems for our children and their access to quality education. We must address these issues to ensure that all children in our community have equal opportunities for success and access to a high-quality education.

I kindly request that you take these concerns seriously and work toward reforms that promote accountability, transparency, equity, and stability within the charter school system in Indianapolis. Our children's future depends on it, and they deserve nothing less than the best education possible.

I strongly urge the Zoning Board to protect the interests and rights of our community by addressing these concerns promptly and taking appropriate action against any violations. Our community deserves transparency, proper zoning procedures, and a say in developments that may affect us.

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters. I hope you will act swiftly to address these issues and uphold the integrity of our zoning regulations, community engagement processes, and the quality of education for all children in our city.

Sincerely,

Wanda

Dr. Wanda Thruston, DNP, Advanced Practice RN

National DEI Leader and Trainer for Academic Nursing

Owner, CEO Artois Mae Consulting, Corp.

Improving the Health & Educational Outcomes of Children in our Community

Nursing Professor

12-year Washington Township School Board Member (2008-2020)

Long-time Washington Township Resident (1967-present)

Graduate of Washington Township Schools (1977)

31 consecutive-year parent of 5 Washington Township Graduates (1987-2018)

Thank you,

Dr. Wanda Thruston

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:47:57 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Steve Bradley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Steve Bradley
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:49:54 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Audrey Cope
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As an educator in an adjacent district and parent in Washington Township I oppose the Paramount School rezoning. Washington Township offers many opportunities for STEM education. Adding a charter school would be a waste of funding.

Thank you,

Audrey Cope
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:57:07 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Rachel Briscoe

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am concerned about the property's proposed use as a charter school rather than its current church use.

Thank you,

Rachel Briscoe

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 3:58:05 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kelli Baumgarn
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Kelli Baumgarn
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:00:59 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mullen
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a parent and an educator I really dislike the idea of charter schools in Washington township. Our schools are rebuilding and turning into great public education. I love the schools my boys attend and would hate to see this progress slowed or stopped with charters. I feel it was also affect the quality of our neighborhoods and communities.

Thank you,

Mullen
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:14:42 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Alex Jimenez
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Alex Jimenez
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:17:04 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Angela Wilhelm
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Angela Wilhelm
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:18:03 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Adrian Smiley Sr.
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 N. Michigan Rd. This proposed school due to traffic concerns and the fact that this school is not needed in Washington Township. It would be inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. Our family opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings closely.

Thank you,

Adrian Smiley Sr.
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:18:32 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Tonya Fisher

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of 5136 Michigan Rd as a site for a charter school.

Thank you,

Tonya Fisher

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:19:06 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Giegerich
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Emily Giegerich
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:23:54 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Victoria Smith

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the proposed rezoning of 5136 Michigan Rd for a charter school .

Thank you,

Victoria Smith
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:24:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Amy Clark
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Amy Clark
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:24:48 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Shafi Dhaudi

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

The pattern book does not identify this as a place for institutional type uses;

Thank you,

Shafi Dhaudi

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:27:24 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jennifer Naas
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Jennifer Naas
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:27:47 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Bryan Naas
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Bryan Naas
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:29:21 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Rodney Richardson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Rodney Richardson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:29:46 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Elizabeth Calkins
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Rd. The proposed school, due to both traffic concerns and the fact that this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Furthermore charter schools drain tax dollars from public schools for the purpose of enriching corporations rather than actually educating students better than public schools, exemplified by their poor academic track record and the subsequent closures of 1 in every 3 Indianapolis charter schools in the past 20 years. Our family strongly strongly opposes this use of our tax dollars.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Calkins
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:32:27 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kathy Loggan
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Kathy Loggan
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 4:46:50 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Megan Alderman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Please oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road for Paramount. This property is inappropriate for a new charter school for multiple reasons. First and foremost, Michigan is a very busy street and already has a thriving public school nearby in Crooked Creek Elementary. Secondly, this proposed charter would exclude half of the city's population based on gender. Thirdly, this charter would not open its doors to everyone, even beyond gender--those that need public transportation (of which they will not provide), or special needs children, including english as a second language which the west side strongly needs to serve its populace. In short, the Highland Park neighborhood and adjoining districts do not need or want this school which would further divert taxpayer dollars on an already stressed public school system. Please oppose rezoning this space for these charter school purposes.

Thank you,

Megan Alderman
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 5:02:05 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: DeVoe

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose this in my neighborhood.

Thank you,

DeVoe

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 5:05:35 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Brittany Wayman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We do not want this school in WT, taking away more resources from our already drained public schools that serve all students.

Thank you,

Brittany Wayman
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 5:06:13 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Suzanne M. Zybert
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

January 3, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner:

I am sharing this letter to express my strong opposition and concerns regarding the Paramount School of Excellence Girls STEM Academy. As you are aware, this new school is slated to be located at 5136 Michigan Road. As an active member in the community and a lifelong educator, I have concerns regarding the consideration to rezone the proposed site in order to allow for the development of this school.

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road for the following reasons:

- This area includes plenty of educational opportunities and therefore the proposed school is not needed in this area.
- The location of the school would result in additional and unnecessary traffic in an already highly congested area. This additional traffic will negatively impact traffic flow and present potential safety concerns.
- The decision to rezone this property would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds.

Thank you for your review of this letter and your consideration. I appreciate your continued service and support of our community. It is my hope that you will disapprove the proposed rezoning.

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Zybert

Thank you,

Suzanne M. Zybert
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 5:10:53 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Christina Bennett-McNew
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

Please deny this training by request for the Paramount Charter school. The proposed location is in an already congested area on Michigan Rd. It is not the appropriate location for a school. I worry about traffic and more importantly safety for our children.

I also worry about directing tax dollars away from our public schools. Washington township school are strong and good for the community. We don't need smaller unregulated schools coming in and misleading families and redirecting funds. This charter school is not needed. Please deny this request.

Thank you,

Christina Bennett-McNew
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 5:26:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Susie Bremen
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

To the Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner:

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed rezoning on Michigan Road for a Paramount charter school. The traffic flow on this busy, main artery in the city is already overcrowded and adding to traffic would put people, and especially children, in danger.

In addition, as a former counselor in a Washington Township school, I have worked with students who transferred in from charter schools, and noted how far behind they were from the public school curriculum. The lack of teacher credentials and curriculum accountability do not serve students well, and the wealth of academic options that already exist in the county and the township make this addition unnecessary. Tax payers don't need their taxes divided up even more, and the funds taken from our public schools and rerouted to charter schools takes away from the services provided to our public school students.

Sincerely,

Susie Bremen
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 5:30:03 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kellie Brotherton
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Kellie Brotherton
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 5:51:20 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kaye Walls
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Kaye Walls
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:01:23 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Barb Eble
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Concerns about the proposed use of the property as a school rather than its current church use;

Concern about taking money from the public schools

Concern about not being honest about setting up the school properly

Thank you,

Barb Eble

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:11:43 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jennifer Abell
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a property owner and educator in Washington Township for 30 years, I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school is not needed due to the quality of public schools in Washington Township. It would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds, which are greatly needed by the public schools of Indiana, specifically the MSDWT.

Additionally, the traffic concerns for this location make it an unsafe property for a school which is zoned for residential use. Rezoning this property would have a negative effect on the current residents and the already heavily traveled corridor of Michigan Road.

Our district has an excellent record for providing a quality education designed to meet the needs of its diverse population. We strongly oppose the rezoning of this property and will be following the proceeding closely.

Thank you,

Jennifer Abell
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:16:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Courtney Coppinger
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the charter school. Washington township schools are adequately serving the community. I will follow the proceedings closely.

Thank you,

Courtney Coppinger
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:20:03 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Marc Klein
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Marc Klein
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:22:23 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Michael Boyer
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the construction of the proposed school at 5136 Michigan Rd as our township doesn't need another school at that location, nor is the location suited for another school due to traffic on Michigan Rd.

Thank you,

Michael Boyer
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:24:11 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jenna butler
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Jenna butler
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:25:34 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Pam Klein

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully."

Thank you,

Pam Klein

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:29:21 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Rebecca Peterson

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Inappropriate use of tax payer funds

Thank you,

Rebecca Peterson

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:46:14 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: MaryAnn Schlegel Ruegger
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

HKCL Neighborhood Meeting 1/3/23 Public Comment

Good evening. My name is MaryAnn Schlegel Ruegger, and I am attending tonight to express my concern and opposition to the rezoning petition, and to express my support and satisfaction with our local district public schools.

I am a former charter school parent, as well as the parent of a now IU Bloomington junior who attended all 4 years and graduated from North Central High School as one of the over 100 Hispanic members of her class. A number of her charter school classmates and teachers were later students and teachers at Paramount. My concerns about Paramount as a school come from their experiences, as well as from recent data and experiences shared with me by parents in the Special Needs community and the Black community. That doesn't mean that there are not children who have found success at Paramount. That doesn't mean that there aren't happy families. But serious concerns have been shared with me that lead me to conclude that an expansion of the school to this location would not be in the best interests of this community.

I am also a former member of the Indiana Charter School Board, Indiana's only charter authorizer that is also a state agency, serving for a 4 year term, ending in March 2023. In that capacity, I reviewed many charter school applications and am familiar with the process required by state statutes for any charter authorizer to authorize a charter school. Paramount's charter authorizer, Trine Education One, located in far northeastern Indiana, hasn't followed that process in granting a charter for this school.

The property at 5136 Michigan Rd is zoned for a church, not for a school. As a church, its use and attendance is primarily in the evenings and weekends--days and times when the volume of traffic is naturally much lower than the weekday Monday through Friday work week that a school requires. As a church, the property complements both the residential nature of the neighborhood and also the use of Michigan Road as an essential route to work and existing public and private schools. As a school, it interferes and causes harm to both.

Even more so, for a school like this one with heavy car rider traffic, because it chooses to not provide school bus transportation from students' homes to the school.

What changes to Michigan Rd would be required to accommodate the change in zoning from church to school? Turn lanes? Relocation of city bus stop? Addition of city school zone speed limits and flashing lights? Reconfiguration of the intersection just south of the school entrance at Michigan and 51st Street? All of those will slow travel times for families in existing public and private schools in this neighborhood and others, as well as for other commuters, with ripple effects for a large number of schools and workplaces elsewhere.

The result of rezoning the property from church to school will be to place the expenses of that decision and more on neighbors, commuters, and other existing public and private schools and children, as well as on local taxpayers and the city. There are other, more appropriate and needed uses for this property.

Thank you,

MaryAnn Schlegel Ruegger
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 6:49:53 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kim Gaither
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully."

Thank you,

Kim Gaither
Other

DATE: 1/3/2024 7:02:20 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Scott Satterthwaite
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Scott Satterthwaite
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 7:23:35 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: R Haag
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

R Haag
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 7:31:39 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Amy Street

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road

Thank you,

Amy Street

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:01:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Garen Robie
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Traffic congestion and unsafe driving already plagues Michigan Road from the International School to North of Kessler. Without first addressing lack of crosswalks, pedestrian access, and enforcement of speed limits and reckless driving, another institution would further erode public safety.

Further, Washington Township does not need a charter school that would divide community resources. Existing schools need support to prevent loss of ground in the fight to provide equitable education for all students.

Thank you,

Garen Robie
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:14:33 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tennille Rains
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Tennille Rains
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:14:34 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sarah Bradley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Sarah Bradley
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:16:26 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Dale Carter
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Please do not rezone this property. This is not a good use of taxpayers' funds. Also the additional traffic may not be safe. Thank you.

Thank you,

Dale Carter
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:21:28 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: kendra wood

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This charter made zero attempt to include the neighborhood, let alone the washington township in their plan. they assumed it would pass and go thru. Their intent was to push their location and need thru without any input.

Thank you,

kendra wood

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:29:44 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Nate maxey
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

STEM charter schools, while undoubtedly contributing to the development of science, technology, engineering, and math skills, may inadvertently lead to the marginalization of other crucial academic disciplines. By placing a predominant emphasis on STEM subjects, there's a risk of diminishing resources and attention allocated to non-STEM areas, such as the humanities and arts. This potential reduction in support for these disciplines could compromise the development of well-rounded individuals with a broad understanding of various fields.

Moreover, the exclusive focus on STEM education might create an environment that doesn't cater to the diverse academic interests of all students. Those with passions and talents in subjects outside the STEM realm might feel underserved or excluded in a learning environment that prioritizes specific disciplines. Education should ideally foster the exploration of various interests, encouraging students to discover and develop their unique strengths.

The establishment of STEM charter schools also raises concerns about the unintentional creation of a two-tiered education system within the district. If STEM-focused institutions receive more resources and attention, it could inadvertently lead to disparities in educational opportunities and outcomes. Such disparities could disadvantage students attending non-STEM schools, potentially perpetuating inequalities within the district.

In promoting a more holistic approach to education, school districts can ensure that students receive a well-rounded learning experience that values and incorporates a diverse range of subjects. This approach not only prepares students for the multifaceted challenges of the future but also fosters a more inclusive and equitable educational system.

Thank you,

Nate maxey
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:49:31 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: DeeEllen Davis
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Washington Township already has strong STEM programs for girls. And we have historically robust Girl as our programs in our public schools. I do not want my tax dollars going to a Charter school. They asked for no community input in advance. They will expel difficult students and send them back to our public schools after they keep our resources. Please do not refine this church land for a school.

Thank you,

DeeEllen Davis
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:55:34 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Bria Richardson

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose!

Thank you,

Bria Richardson

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 8:57:33 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Susan and John Ross
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We are writing as Washington Township property owners and concerned residents regarding our concerns and opposition to rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road to house the Paramount Schools of Excellence Girls STEM Academy.

Safety and traffic issues need to be addressed before this property is rezoned. The traffic and density of the area does not appear to match that which is really requested by Paramount nor does this particular property and zoning request match the property Paramount identified they would secure. This property is not at all rural or low-density.

There are multiple educational opportunities in the immediate area (within a two mile radius) including public, private, religious and charter schools that are already receiving public tax dollars and serve the needs of students and their families. This proposed school will be a drain on those limited resources. Statistically 1 of 3 Charter schools in Indianapolis has closed in the last 20 years. This school has low odds of succeeding where multiple educational opportunities already exist.

Lastly, adding traffic to the current traffic pattern for arrivals and dismissals of children should be of great concern when considering this zoning request.

Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thanks n advance for your time-

Susan and John Ross

Thank you,

Susan and John Ross
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 9:03:33 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Claire Bolles
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Claire Bolles
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 9:07:57 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Patricia Dudeck
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

The church property up for rezoning abuts my property to the North. I am foremost opposed, vehemently so, because this proposed charter schools seeks to draw students from Washington Township Schools, especially Crooked Creek Elementary and Westlane Middle School, a school system offering outstanding education in all areas, including STEM. There is no need for “an additional high quality school “ (wording from charter schools rational). It would steal monies from our public schools in an area where there is absolutely no need!

There was no public outreach to the neighbors, even though it was disclosed, tonight, Paramount has been in discussions with the Girl Scouts, planning this school for about 14 months. They purchased the property with no regard to neighbors thoughts, concerns, objections. THERE WAS NO PRIOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH! Had not one of the neighbor associations organized the meeting, there would have been no opportunity to question the individuals from the school nir for us to express our displeasure and opposition.

They could not even give a response to how the 10 acres would be used: would outdoor “classes” be conducted, would

Experiments be conducted outdoors that might be of a noise level detrimental to people living adjacent, would they build additional structures ?

It is my belief that charter schools are ruining the ideal of a “free public education.” They do not have to adhere to the same regulations, can summarily “release” any undesirable students, do not have to provide transportation and do not have to have 100% teacher certification.

As a retired educator, both in Special Ed and Social Studies in Oregon and Indiana, and as a parent of a daughter who received a superior education at North Central H.S., as well as a resident of Indianapolis whose property abuts proposed rezoning site, I vehemently oppose the rezoning of the church property.

Thank you,

Patricia Dudeck
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 9:24:11 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Mia Witzenman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am concerned about the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. I feel there are major concerns as far as traffic, safety, and lack of information about the long term use plans for the building for a school that will be tax payer funded, but not needed by the families living near the property, paying the taxes. We will be watching the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Mia Witzenman
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 9:33:04 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Justin Bolles
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceeding

Thank you,

Justin Bolles
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 9:46:25 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maribeth Smith
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Maribeth Smith
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/3/2024 9:58:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Shelley Clark
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am wholly opposed to the rezoning of the 5136 N. Michigan Rd. property to allow for a school, specifically the Girls IN STEM Academy to be operated by Paramount, an Indiana charter school chain...and I have multiple concerns.

I have concerns about the proposed use of the property as a school rather than its current church use.

I have concerns about long term planning with the property and it's impact on surrounding community.

I have concerns about access to the property.

I have concerns about safety and traffic.

I have concerns about who decides the property's potential use.

But more importantly I am concerned with how we got here. A charter school was brought forth by Paramount and was bulk-approved by Trine University (consisting of a 3-person board that is almost 3 hours away from this community) without an actual location secured.

Property was purchased without the proper zoning for a school. Obviously assumptions were made that it would be a slam dunk deal. ^{[[SEP]]}That arrogance is unacceptable.

Paramount bought the property without holding a public hearing in our district (required by state law to be a charter school).

I'm extremely concerned about the lack of local oversight.

Charter schools like those in the Paramount chain are privately run and are not under the control of your locally-elected school board. ^{[[SEP]]}Just because they are a non-profit does not mean they don't siphon funding from local schools and operate like a business.

Trine University in Angola Indiana is the authorizer for this school, not the Indianapolis Mayor's office. ^{[[SEP]]}Trine has no ties to Indianapolis or our local neighborhoods. They are in the far northeast corner of the state, almost 3 hours away. ^{[[SEP]]}Their authorizing board is just 3 people, 2 of whom have no education background.

They failed to hold community meetings on the school. Circumventing the process in which the local community has a voice.

They failed to notify the local school districts that would be impacted.

We know that in Indiana, 1 in 3 charter schools close, often with little to no notice, which is a huge disruption for families and communities.

Charters are allowed to take buildings from a public district (assets that taxpayers paid for) for \$1. Indianapolis property taxes are now given to charter schools with no oversight.

Even the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation reports that Paramount isn't equitably educating children across demographics of race, ability, and income levels.

The school is not needed. Washington Township, Pike Township, and IPS all have high performing schools very close to this location. Crooked Creek Elementary School in Washington Township is less than a mile away. Snacks Crossing Elementary in Pike Township is less than 4 miles away. Washington, Pike, and IPS have all increased programs for students and offer great STEM options already. Public school districts educate and support all students who come through their doors.

Thank you,

Shelley Clark

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 6:02:26 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Renee Foor
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property on 5136 Michigan Road. This school, due to the fact it is not needed in Washington Township, is a misappropriation of tax money. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be carefully following the proceedings.

Thank you,

Renee Foor
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 7:03:16 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Julie collier
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Julie collier
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 7:25:35 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Claire Shroba
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Claire Shroba
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 7:35:30 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Ellen Rettig
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Ellen Rettig
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 8:10:15 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Annie Casey
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Annie Casey
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 8:31:47 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily H. Groves
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. As an educator, I have seen firsthand students who are a product of Paramount Brookside and I do not believe this is a “school for excellence.” Washington Township schools prepare students far better than Paramount (or likely any charter school) ever could. This proposed Patamount girls school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Emily H. Groves
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 9:13:40 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Bernette Wheeler
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Bernette Wheeler
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 9:37:41 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Donald B. Kite, Sr.
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I am writing in opposition to the rezone proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence which desires to open a Girls STEM Academy at 5136 Michigan Rd. I strongly object to this proposal for several independent reasons.

While I am a strong believer in quality schools and guaranteeing educational opportunities for female students, as an informed Washington Township resident and former School Board member I can assure you that these critical needs are already being met in Washington Township. Although I could discuss this subject in greater detail, and elaborate upon my concerns regarding increased traffic in the area as well as the fact the proposal conflicts with the comprehensive plan (plans of course cease to be effective when riddled with exceptions), suffice it to say that Washington Township families already have numerous educational options and frankly do not need a charter school less than one mile away from an existing high quality public elementary schools. As I say, I would be happy to elaborate upon my position. I do thank you for considering my views.

Donald B. Kite, Sr.

(317) 697-5046

Thank you,

Donald B. Kite, Sr.
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 9:47:56 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Sam Carpenter
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Metropolitan development commission, hearing examiner.

I oppose this rezoning because Washington Township does not need charter schools in our district that pull resources from our great public schools. This area was not intended for a school and will not benefit the community broadly. Please deny Paramount's request for rezoning. Thank you.

Thank you,

Sam Carpenter
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 9:54:18 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Lou Ann Keeling
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds.

Thank you,

Lou Ann Keeling
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:08:13 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Emily Miller
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We oppose this due to traffic concerns. It is not needed.

Thank you,

Emily Miller
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:24:20 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Erika Blakey
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This charter is not needed in this community. The success of charter's is awful. Washington Township has excellent options for girls in STEM

Thank you,

Erika Blakey
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:25:18 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Priscilla boschmann
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I do not support the Paramount school issue .Washington Township does not need this charter school!

Thank you,

Priscilla boschmann
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:28:04 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anjuli Shivshanker
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Hello Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I do not agree with this charter school from Paramount. This charter authorizer is not local. There are multiple high performing schools close by. The charter school failed to have the appropriate community meetings and ensure proper zoning. This school is demanding tax dollars, which I do not agree with. Overall we do not need a charter school in our district and I do not support it.

Sincerely,

Anjuli Shivshanker
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:29:34 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Erwin boschmann

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am opposed to the proposal.

Thank you,

Erwin boschmann

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:44:36 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Lela Sibley
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have concerns about access to the property and concerns about safety.

Thank you,

Lela Sibley
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:53:04 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Tatum Parker
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly oppose the rezoning of the 5136 Michigan Road property. The proposed school is not needed in Washington Township and is an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. The district just opened 2 new elementary schools, so another school is unnecessary and would take tax payer dollars away from the schools that are currently here.

Thank you,

Tatum Parker
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:55:10 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Cathy barnes

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We strongly oppose the rezoning as we do not need anymore schools in the area.

Thank you,

Cathy barnes

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 11:08:04 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Sara Silver Lee

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have concerns about screening of potential use of the property.

Thank you,

Sara Silver Lee

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 11:10:59 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Raymond Baker
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As long time resident of the Highland Kessler Civic League I am very concerned that the petitioner simply assumed that the rezoning request would be approved without discussing this issue with the neighbors, Washington Township School District and other concerned residents.

At the request of the Highland Kessler Civic League NA, a neighborhood meeting was held last evening, Wednesday, January 3rd at Crooked Creek Baptist church. At that meeting, the arrogance of the petitioner was on full display. When I asked what would the petitioner's "plan b" would be, should the rezoning request fail, the petitioner responded that they plan to open in the fall of 2024.

This charter school is neither needed nor, more importantly, wanted by the residents of Washington Township and more specifically the residents of the original Highland Kessler Civic League neighborhood.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Highland Kessler Civic League, I will be asked the HKCL to join in any and all remonstrators to this rezoning petition.

Respectful submitted

Raymond Baker

Thank you,

Raymond Baker
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 11:23:49 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jill Archibald
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a woman with a 30+ year career in STEM, I have great concerns about approving this proposal. Creating a separate school for girls in STEM sends the message that they are weird and “others” them. STEM education should be and can be fully supported and sustained in our traditional public school settings without charter schools. I am a testament to that.

This particular location is not suitable for a school and should not be re-zoned to allow one. It was never intended or zoned to safely provide accessibility, and thus does not support it. The traffic patterns and property usage are not intended to be used in this manner. Careful planning is required to understand the long-term implications to the entire area, not just focused on a single organization or property. Looking through the comprehensive lens, it is clear that there is no need to disrupt the current well-thought, established zoning and plans for an unnecessary and unneeded institution.

Thank you,

Jill Archibald
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 12:25:59 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Fabrice Decaudin
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. We need to support the schools that have a long history and tradition in Washington Township.

Thank you,

Fabrice Decaudin
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 12:41:43 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Arian Bostic
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

My concern is regarding the proposed use of the property as a school rather than its current church use. It is unnecessary in my opinion. I am opposed to adding a school that is so close to an existing, thriving school which is Crooked Creek. My first child attended CC as a kindergarten in 2010. We have had a child at the school every year since then. The addition of a charter school would be unnecessary as CC has room for enrollment and is a diverse school that is performing well. I'm concerned that my tax dollars would be further divided amongst the schools and take resources away from the CC public school that my 4th grader currently attends. In addition to these concerns, I worry about any sort of traffic increase near the Michigan/Kessler intersection.

Thank you,

Arian Bostic
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 2:28:36 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Wambui Jane Murage
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am very troubled by the news that a charter school will be opening in my neighborhood without the community input. I would like to find out the following:

- 1). Was a feasibility study conducted and found out that a girls only STEM school is needed in our school district?
- 2). Has our school district failed to include girls in the STEM subjects or are we lacking such a program?
- 3). Will this school be looking for dollar support from the township?

Why the above questions? Washington township does a wonderful job in educating our students. We have a variety of programs for students of varied academic achievements. our high school attracts students from other school districts due to its strong and rich curriculum . If the charter school will be getting tax dollars from the township, it will take way money from the school district which is needed to maintain the high academic standards!

Secondly, Michigan road is already very busy, during rush hour the junction with Grandview(south of proposed school location) is backed up past the stop sign and into the neighborhood on Grandview. Increased traffic during pick and drop off would only complicate matters.

Lastly, I believe that the owner of a home know best what is needed in their house. Having a visitor come and tell us we need a charter school, get approval from a university that has no affiliation with our school district or community is an imposition. In relation to this school, Paramount seems to be deviating from their normal process which from reviewing their website seems to include the community around the school.

Though I fully support the idea of a STEM girls school, it has to be established in an area where there is evidence that girls in that community are lacking exposure to STEM programs or support to pursue them. Dollars that would go the charter school would be better used to strengthen the STEM program within Washington township schools by hiring additional teachers that would be dedicated to encouraging and supporting girls to pursue STEM! This would have a broader reach!

Thank you,

Wambui Jane Murage
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 3:54:06 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: David Hudson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. The proposed school would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds, and is not needed in Washington Township. The public school system in Washington Township is one of the strongest in Marion County, and the proposed rezone by Paramount Schools would divert valuable and much needed resources from our students, disproportionately affecting those who need it most. Our family strongly opposes this rezoning and will be following the proceedings closely.

Thank you,

David Hudson
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 4:13:41 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Alison Smith
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully."

Thank you,

Alison Smith
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 4:30:25 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Whitney Coker
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. The proposed school will cause traffic concerns. This school is not needed in Washington Township and using taxpayer funds for this purpose is counterproductive and will adversely affect our community. My family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings.

Thank you,

Whitney Coker
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 5:01:42 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Claudia Williamson
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Subject: Opposition to Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence

As a former parent council member, Washington township foundation member, former PTO president at Harcourt Elementary, and current dedicated resident of Washington Township for over two decades, I express my deep concern regarding Paramount Schools of Excellence's rezone proposal to open a Girls STEM Academy at 5136 Michigan Rd, merely a mile away from one of our esteemed elementary schools in August 2024.

I urge you to consider the following issues as you review my objections:

1. Apprehensions about the property's transition from a church to a school.
2. Long-term planning concerns associated with the proposed use.
3. Issues related to access to the property.
4. Safety concerns arising from the proximity of the proposed school.
5. Lack of clarity on the screening process for potential use.
6. Contradictions with the current comprehensive plan, designating the property for rural or estate neighborhood purposes.
7. The pattern book's omission of this area as suitable for institutional-type uses.

Additionally, I am keen to address any other concerns that may impact the well-being and integrity of our community. I have submitted this letter in the provided form, and I trust that you will carefully consider these objections during the upcoming hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Claudia Williamson

[Former Parent Council of Washington Township School District Member]
[Former PTO President at Harcourt Elementary]
[Washington Township Resident since 1998]
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 5:50:47 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Marie Harnish
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner

I strongly oppose the Paramount school proposal for 5136 Michigan Road. We already have an excellent public school close by. The proposed school would make way too much traffic on an already busy street. I am concerned about access and safety. I am concerned about use of the property and unknown long term plans for the church building.

Please support our current public schools nearby rather than putting my tax money into a private pay school.

Thank you,

Longtime supporter of public schools in Indianapolis.

Thank you,

Marie Harnish
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 5:59:51 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Danielle Havens
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This neighborhood has good schools, one of which is less than a mile away. The schools serve our students well. The local schools do not need to lose money to a unproven charter school, especially on a very busy street. Please do not allow this proposed school to operate at this location.

Thank you,

Danielle Havens
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 6:33:28 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Steve Hooper
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds.

Thank you,

Steve Hooper
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 7:21:17 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Robin Lybolt
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

My family opposes the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and insufficient need for this school in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds - those funds could be better spent supporting existing educational entities in Washington Township.

Thank you,

Robin Lybolt
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 9:58:55 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Carrie Selby
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose rezoning the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, nor accessible and inclusive, would be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. We do not need another charter school in Indianapolis and certainly not in an high performing district. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will follow the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Carrie Selby
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 10:02:42 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Erika Grueninger
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school is not needed in Washington Township and would also cause traffic issues. This would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning.

Thank you,

Erika Grueninger
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 11:37:33 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Mona

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Multiple concerns

Thank you,

Mona

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/4/2024 11:41:49 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Kristin Hale
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am AGAINST the rezone proposal submitted by Paramount Schools of Excellence for opening a Girls STEM Academy. I believe that Washington Township schools already do an excellent job in preparing students in STEM, as evidenced by my personal experience of my daughter getting straight A's as a sophomore Engineering student at Purdue. I firmly believe this has a lot to do with the education she received attending Washington Township schools since Kindergarten and would hate to see any more funding taken away from them to support a charter school!

Thank you,

Kristin Hale
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 12:17:17 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jen Robertaon
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I OPPOSE the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is NOT needed in Washington Township, would be a gravely inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully

Thank you,

Jen Robertaon
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 10:14:09 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: William Leschorn

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning for the new Charter School. It is unnecessary and wastes tax payer dollars.

Thank you,

William Leschorn

Other

DATE: 1/5/2024 10:38:24 AM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Lisa Osterman
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Paramount did not follow protocol in communication and community engagement and has not demonstrated the ability to be a good neighbor. They should not be rewarded for circumventing the rules. Further, our community has ample quality educational opportunities and does not need more options. Redevelopment of a site that is exempted from property taxes with an unnecessary organization that also will not generate tax revenue is poor stewardship. Especially when the community is clearly rejecting the proposed school. There is no evidence that any tax-paying residents of Pike and Washington townships want this development and widespread and vocal opposition to it.

Thank you,

Lisa Osterman
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 12:55:22 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: LaShawnda Crowe Storm
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly oppose this use of tax dollars. Washington Township School are an award-winning district that does not need a charter school. In fact, there are soooooo many out of district transfer students that value the public education model in this district.

Thank you,

LaShawnda Crowe Storm
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 1:11:55 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Grace Kite
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence, which desires to open a girls' STEM academy at 5136 Michigan Rd.

I strongly object to this proposal.

Thank you,

Grace Kite
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 2:24:25 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Andrea

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Andrea

Other

DATE: 1/5/2024 2:39:38 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Anuja Petruniw
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to the fact this school or any charter school, is not needed in Washington Township as well as traffic concerns, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. There are already plenty of high-quality schools available to Washington Township families right within MSDWT.

Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Anuja Petruniw
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 3:00:14 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Reuben Benzel
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Hello,

I am a high school charter school teacher but a Crooked Creek Elementary School parent. As a product of Columbus City Schools, a public school district, in Columbus, Ohio I have devoted my life to studying, working in and discussing school reform and improvement in public schools and charter schools. I spent my first two years teaching at a turnaround high school run by an out of state for profit company. I have spent my past 10 years teaching at an effective locally run charter school developed under the need of a community. I like to think that I am writing this letter with personal experiences in functional public schools, dysfunctional public schools, functional charter schools and dysfunctional charter schools.

I am a believer that charter schools only work when there is a local need for what public schools are not providing, are not for profit and are centered on a definitive plan with clear and transparent leadership. By multiple metrics and by personal experiences, Crooked Creek elementary is an effective public school that serves the needs of the community that it serves. I am proud to send my 1st grade daughter to Crooked Creek because a public school district is able to provide her with transportation, modern classrooms and dedicated teachers. My daughter feels known, loved and cared for. She has gone to school with and has met classmates from the whole spectrum of socioeconomic levels and experiences. She is able to engage in a diverse community. From a facts/data standpoint, Crooked Creek has had the same principal for 5+ years, has less midyear staff turnover than comparable schools. Test scores are at or slightly above state average despite having a sizable ENL and free and reduced lunch population. Crooked Creek is a PUBLIC education option that is governed by a locally elected board of education that is serving the needs of its community. Opening a charter school in an area with a highly functioning public school runs the risk of taking money away from an institution that is already working.

From a charter school perspective, I think it is imperative that Paramount does its homework. Sometimes successful charter schools make the mistake of expanding too fast. I understand that Paramount has a documented history of serving the near Eastside very well. Part of Paramounts success was that it was able to operate as a smaller system and had a clearly defined mission/purpose that fit into the COMMUNITY that it served. Sometimes, successful charter organization make the mistake of growing too fast and they begin to lose site of their original

mission/vision. They might run into issues such as increased staffing turnover or seeing that a model that worked on the Eastside might not work on the northwest side. While I understand that charter schools get more money when enrollment increases, liabilities also increase. And this can lead to a diminished quality of product. For instance failing to spend the money on an extra counselor can lead to the loss of a low counselor to student ratio that made the original charter school so great. As building staff get promoted into network level positions, there is bound to be administrative turnover that can channel into teacher turnover and inconsistencies in expectations of the students.

So I close this letter in asking Paramount: have you done your homework? If you are in fact taking over a property that is not designed to be a school, do you have the money to do the proper rezoning and repurposing? Do you have knowledge of our neighborhood and the needs of the students you are serving? What makes you confident that Paramount model will be successful in this community? If this project does not work out as planned, a charter school will take money from an already effective public school district and not develop into a locally and organically created high quality education option.

Have you done your homework?

Sincerely,

Reuben Benzel

Father of Crooked Creek Elementary School Student

Educator

Thank you,

Reuben Benzel

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 4:20:41 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Maggie Bishop
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rezoning of the church located at 5136 Michigan Rd. for the establishment of the Girls STEM Academy. While I understand the importance of educational opportunities, I believe there are significant concerns regarding this specific location that should be carefully considered before approving the rezoning request.

One of the primary concerns is the lack of transparency in the communication with the local community. There has been insufficient engagement with the residents of the area where the proposed Girls STEM Academy is to be situated. The surrounding township districts of Washington Township and Pike Township already offer quality educational options, and there has been no indication that the communities in these districts have actively sought an additional option.

Furthermore, it is troubling to note that much of the supportive correspondence for the Girls STEM Academy has originated from outside the proposed area, and in some cases, from another city altogether. This raises questions about the true needs and desires of the local community, as well as the extent to which the Girls STEM Academy would serve the interests of the residents in the immediate vicinity.

Another significant concern is the inconsistency with the existing comprehensive plan for the area. As per the current comprehensive plan, the property in question is designated for rural or estate neighborhood use, which encompasses rural or agricultural areas and historic urban areas with estate-style homes on large lots with a residential density of less than one dwelling unit per acre. The rezoning proposal appears to be at odds with the established vision for the community. Further, the Girls STEM Academy has failed to adequately address the original usage of this property and its purpose in the community.

Equally troubling is the advertising of the Girls STEM Academy's anticipated opening in August 2024 using an address that has not yet received approval for rezoning. I have come across promotional materials on Instagram and Facebook that mention the school's address without the necessary rezoning clearance. This raises serious doubts about the integrity and transparency of Paramount Schools and the Girls STEM Academy. The community deserves accurate information, and it is disheartening to see deceptive practices at this stage when this address has not been approved.

In conclusion, I urge you to carefully consider these concerns before making a decision on the rezoning proposal for Girls STEM Academy at 5136 Michigan Rd. Our neighborhood and its constituents deserve a thoughtful and transparent process, and I believe approving this rezoning without addressing these issues would be premature and not in the best interest of the community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maggie Bishop

Thank you,

Maggie Bishop
Other

DATE: 1/5/2024 5:03:32 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Carol Dellinger
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning at 5136 Michigan Rd. Washington Township is well served by current schools and has no need for this new charter school. The traffic that would be added at this corner during rush-hour and later in the day is also very problematic. I find this to be an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. My household is strongly opposed to this rezoning, and we will be following the proceedings closely.

Thank you,

Carol Dellinger
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 6:07:14 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Shawn Hayes
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Shawn Hayes
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 6:07:26 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Gabriel Greathouse
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Gabriel Greathouse
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 6:07:38 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Frank gross
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Frank gross
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 6:14:48 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: LuEtta Culp
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Having lived in Washington Township and HKCL for 49 years and having our children educated in the township schools, I'm opposing the charter school for 2 reasons:

- a charter school dilutes public school attendance, takes monies from public schools, staff is often under-trained, and longevity is not a guarantee.
- the Witherspoon property is very large — I've worshipped there, I've voted there, and I've walked the property a lot. How will Paramount maintain the property, not just the classrooms but this large building and large lot?

Please, please preserve this long-standing property as church status. We don't need a charter school less than a mile from our public school!

Thank you,

LuEtta Culp
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/5/2024 8:20:08 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Melissa Ranck
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Melissa Ranck
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/6/2024 4:27:26 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Amy Scholl
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly disagrees with this.

Thank you,

Amy Scholl
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/7/2024 5:47:02 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Erica Hoyng
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Erica Hoyng
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/7/2024 6:31:39 PM
TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County
FROM: Jamie Burnett
RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Jamie Burnett
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/7/2024 10:09:03 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Emily Laramore

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I vote against this school.

Thank you,

Emily Laramore

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

ATE: 1/10/2024 2:50:00 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: jane murage karibuusa1@gmail.com (via email)

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Hello, I live on 54th st but use grandview to get to work. Currently, during peak hours, traffic backs up on Grandview all the way past 54th street. I assume having children drop off and pick up in the morning and evening will worsen the situation. Have not heard about plans to widen the road or how they are going to mitigate the traffic issues. Secondly, I can foresee 54th street and other neighborhood streets being used for overflow. 54th street has not been re-carpeted in over 30 years by the city, not sure it can handle the traffic. Hope this helps.

Wambui Jane Murage

DATE: 1/14/2024 6:46:47 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Susan Humphrey

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

"I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Susan Humphrey

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/14/2024 6:56:41 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Donna LaPlant

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Donna LaPlant
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/14/2024 7:11:08 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Gregory Eaken

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

The property is currently designated as a church and not an educational facility. Developers of this charter school did not hold a hearing or have any opportunity for residents to respond to the proposal within the boundaries of the existing school district. State law requires transparency for all public schools and the same standards should be applied to charters.

Thank you,

Gregory Eaken
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/14/2024 7:14:25 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Julianne Shannon

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose this charter school. They will not serve all students and will take away from students in the district I work in. I have had previous experience with Charter Schools and there is very little accountability, financial misuse and students suffer as a result.

Thank you,

Julianne Shannon
Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/14/2024 7:51:05 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jennifer Worthington

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Jennifer Worthington
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/14/2024 8:52:47 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: David LaPlant

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road due to traffic concerns and the fact that it is currently a church. Furthermore, this school is not needed in Washington Township, thus would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

David LaPlant
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/14/2024 8:55:27 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: DeeEllen Davis

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully. I was at the first meeting that the community/neighborhood learned of this school. I am a lifetime Girl Scout, yet I still do not like the partnership with a Charter School. I worked hard to volunteer when my children were in Washington Township Schools and I will be involved again as my grandchild starts this coming fall. We need all our resources in our public schools.

Thank you,

DeeEllen Davis

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/15/2024 8:13:16 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Esha abdalla

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Why take tax payers money from the referendum we pass to support our public schools. The traffic will mess our neighborhood, that is Michigan rd, it's busy all day.

Thank you,

Esha abdalla

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/15/2024 8:27:42 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lisa Stocks

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner,

I wanted to reach out to share my concerns about a proposed charter school being opened near Michigan Road. My understanding is that this school will have a STEM focus. I don't believe that this school is needed since it is located within Washington Township which has excellent schools and a full time STEM teacher at each elementary school in addition to the STEM learning that occurs in the general education classroom. There are also many extra curriculum programs with a STEM focus. Residents also have access to numerous private schools within the boundaries of Washington Township and over 40 charter schools already open within Indianapolis.

I also have issues with the lack of information shared with the local public schools and the community by the charter school authorizer. The public hearing was held outside of the school district and the community was not notified that it was being held. The building they are planning to use was obtained prior to ensuring proper zoning. I would encourage you to oppose the opening of this charter school.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stocks

Parent of students in Washington Township Schools

Resident of Washington Township

Thank you,

Lisa Stocks

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/15/2024 11:02:10 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Emily Davis

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose rezoning and charter schools!

Thank you,

Emily Davis

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/15/2024 11:30:37 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Tara Mitchell

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Washington Township is already the largest “Non-pub Hub” in Marion County and surrounding suburbs and does not need yet another burden to public school funding for our students. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Tara Mitchell
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/15/2024 12:00:16 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Rebecca Davis

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Rebecca Davis

Other

DATE: 1/15/2024 2:51:17 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Liz davis

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully. I think it is super shady that this was not advertised and hate the idea of it taking funds from our schools that already struggle with budget concerns.

Thank you,

Liz davis

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/15/2024 8:48:56 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lezlie Ceglio

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I vehemently oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. Please
KEEP CHARTER SCHOOLS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY. Thank you.

Thank you,

Lezlie Ceglio

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/15/2024 9:46:07 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Cheri Moore

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. We work hard to get referendum passed to support our current schools. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Cheri Moore

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 1/31/2024 8:01:45 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Ashley Flaumenhaft

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Zoning is the main focus (safety, traffic, etc) but other community concerns can be raised.

As a resident of northwest Indianapolis, I am opposed to the re-zoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. The proposed charter school has not sought or gained community support, and it is not needed in our community.

Significant safety and traffic concerns have not been addressed.

The proposed school organization has not shown itself to be a community partner that serves all families and students.

Their transportation and admission policies have already excluded the highest-needs students in our community, such as new English learners and students with disabilities. This proposed zoning change does not reflect a public, community-engaged school.

Our family opposes this zoning change, and we will be closely monitoring this process.

Thank you,

Thank you,

Ashley Flaumenhaft
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/2/2024 9:23:28 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kenda Resler Friend

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner:

As an involved community citizen of Washington Township, I was shocked to hear of a proposed charter school at the former Witherspoon Presbyterian site. As even the board who authorizes charter schools has noted, the North side of Indianapolis is saturated with educational choices that are outstanding public schools. Adding a school with no local knowledge and track record only serves to dilute tax dollars and NOT improve academic outcome for students.

Our daughter was a top student at North Central High School and is pursuing a STEM career at The Ohio State University. She is excelling academically and her K-12 experience in Washington Townships schools set her up for success. Let's keep our local public schools strong producing students like my daughter.

Charter schools do not have a good track record, and students are often forced to change schools which further impacts their academic careers and achievement.

Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Thank you,

Kenda Resler Friend

Thank you,

Kenda Resler Friend

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/2/2024 10:19:59 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Brooke Deram

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns as well as (and most importantly) the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. We are already offering the curriculum that is being touted by this new Paramount STEM Charter school. To pull students away from MSDWT would create a resource gap for the students who choose to stay in MSDWT. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Brooke Deram

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/2/2024 11:27:34 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Victoria Petersen Elia

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Victoria Petersen Elia

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/2/2024 2:06:07 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: James Hill

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

For years school privatizers have tried to make a foothold in Washington Township to destroy one of the finest public school systems. This is their latest attempt. If one examines the public data on charter schools one will see that their students' performance is below that of public schools. In addition, the number of charters that have been closed due to financial mismanagement is staggering. Directing funds away from the local public school district is merely part of a grander plan to dismantle the entire public school system. I do not want my tax dollars used in this way. Also, the location of this proposed school does not meet the criteria for a STEM school. I emphatically implore you to deny this proposal.

Thank you,

James Hill

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/2/2024 2:27:55 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jessica Larson

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Jessica Larson

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/2/2024 4:34:26 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Linda Jimenez

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Our family is in opposition to the proposed Charter School in our school district of Washington Township. The Indianapolis Charter Board has stated, "The market is currently saturated and Indianapolis is not in need of another school." Indiana has a teacher shortage and creating more schools is not a solution that is in the best interest of our young people. Currently 1/3 of charter schools have closed since school choice was introduced in 2000. When young people switch schools, it creates a disconnect for the young person, and often academic struggles. Currently North Central High School has a graduation rate of 91.2%, that is 36% higher than Indiana charter schools.

Thank you,

Linda Jimenez

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/2/2024 5:04:47 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Tiffany Lindsay

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Any concerns about long term planning with the property;

Thank you,

Tiffany Lindsay

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/3/2024 10:24:45 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lisec Coronado

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Lisec Coronado

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/3/2024 1:26:54 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Katy Rader

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I'm opposed to a charter school in Washington Township. We have a teacher shortage and need teachers to stay in our schools. MSDWT has good outcomes.

Thank you,

Katy Rader

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/3/2024 8:48:12 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Andrea Kern

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Andrea Kern
Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/3/2024 10:38:47 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Dede Moore

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I do not want my tax dollars to fund a charter school in my school district. Please move along.

Thank you,

Dede Moore

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/3/2024 11:34:38 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Pam Weiger

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. My husband and I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Pam Weiger

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/3/2024 11:41:50 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Angie & Ben Mason

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Angie & Ben Mason

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 7:39:16 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lynn Boak

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

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Thank you,

Lynn Boak

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 7:58:37 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kathy Null

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

“I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.”

Thank you,

Kathy Null

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 9:17:39 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kelly McBride

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose this

Thank you,

Kelly McBride

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 9:25:52 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Susan McJunkins

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the opening of a charter school on Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Susan McJunkins

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 9:26:07 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Elizabeth Murphy Zider

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I strongly disagree with adding charter schools to areas that already feature many other school options. This is not needed in our community.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Murphy Zider

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 9:26:53 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Carl McJunkins

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the opening of a charter school on Michigan Road.

Thank you,

Carl McJunkins

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 9:27:36 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Dalton Maschino-Smith

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

Concerns about safety

Thank you,

Dalton Maschino-Smith

Concerned Educator in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 9:43:44 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kayla Wilder

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I don't want a charter school moving in if they will be accepting any public funds. We don't need more charter schools when we have wonderful schools in our district. It also doesn't seem like the school has been very forthcoming with their plans from if they'll be in person, virtual, accept vouchers, and so on. I'd rather see something else done with that church space.

Thank you,

Kayla Wilder

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 11:41:20 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jessica McNiel

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Jessica McNiel

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 4:22:42 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Priscilla BoschmNn

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the private school.

Thank you,

Priscilla BoschmNn

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 6:03:37 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Matthew Whitt

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

With an existing shortage of teachers across the country and an abundance of quality schools within the area that the Paramount school would inhabit, this is a bad decision for the students of the area. Also, the success rate of charter schools in Indiana is well documented and does not show promise when adding another one to the area. MSD Washington Township is an awarded and laudable school district that would end up supporting students within Paramount due to special needs that charter schools pass the cost of support to the local public schools. This would create a burden on MSDWT while not adding to the level of support that the special needs student would receive in Paramount that they would already have gotten in a well established school in MSDWT or Pike Township. There is very little positive historic precedence to support adding a charter school to a well established school district while in fact most historical precedence would show the obvious need to deny another charter school.

Thank you,

Matthew Whitt

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 6:57:41 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Alison Becker

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We need to support PUBLIC schools. In safe places. This is unnecessary.

Thank you,

Alison Becker

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 7:24:40 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Cameron Anderson

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I'm opposed to the opening of this school less than a mile from crooked creek. This will take away resources from our children/students and create more hectic/dangerous traveling conditions for everyone traveling in that area.

Thank you,

Cameron Anderson

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 8:53:53 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Diana Ruschhaupt

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Diana Ruschhaupt
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/4/2024 9:48:41 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Fady Qaddoura - Senator, District 30

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As the elected state senator for Senate District 30, and as a parent of two students who attended Washington Township School system, I am extremely concerned about the plan to rezone the property located at 5136 Michigan Road to accommodate the Paramount Schools of Excellence. This property is located less than one mile away from Crooked Creek Elementary School, which means that existing township schools within the area will lose state funding due to the opening of the paramount school. Under existing state laws, the educational funding formula has consistently shortchanged school districts by millions of dollars over the past decade due to biased funding prioritization of school vouchers and charter schools at the expenses of traditional public schools in our community. As the number of charter schools increase in the same areas served by township schools, the pool of students will be divided by all schools which will cause further loss in revenues to Crooked Creek and township schools. I firmly believe that a needs assessment must be conducted before the approval of any new school in the area given the strategic funding threat imposed by the opening of any new charter school on the ability of Crooked Creek and existing schools in the area to serve minority students, English language learners, and special education students who are among the most vulnerable students in our communities. In addition, loose state laws that do not require the same level of transparency or accountability for charter schools in a manner similar to traditional public schools will jeopardize the public's trust in our educational system. I urge you to consider the negative policy consequences of allowing the Paramount school to locate in close proximity to Crooked Creek Elementary School given the expected negative state funding impact on existing schools in the Washington Township district and the harm this will cause to existing students who rely on the township district for education, transportation, food, and many other services. In the past couple of years, citizens, faith leaders, and elected officials fiercely opposed the establishment of charter schools in Washington and Pike Townships because of the negative impacts described above. Please honor the wishes of our community by denying the zoning proposal.

Thank you,

Fady Qaddoura - Senator, District 30

Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/5/2024 5:42:36 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Maggie Bowden

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Maggie Bowden

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/5/2024 8:23:10 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kristin and Terence Cudahy

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

We oppose opening a charter school in Washington Township. It will only diminish and weaken public schools in the area.

Thank you,

Kristin and Terence Cudahy
Other

DATE: 2/5/2024 12:38:19 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lauri Jones

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Lauri Jones

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/5/2024 2:44:31 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Caty sickles

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the responding for this charter school. It will be a traffic nightmare.
MSDWT does not

Another achool

Thank you,

Caty sickles

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/5/2024 8:01:46 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Elyse Boyles

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

To Whom It May Concern,

As a parent deeply committed to the principles of public education, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed charter school's relocation into the former church within our public school district. The introduction of a charter school in this location threatens the stability and resources of our existing public schools. It could lead to further division of educational resources, potentially undermining the comprehensive and inclusive nature of public education that serves the diverse needs of all children within our community.

Our public schools have long been the cornerstone of our community, providing accessible and equitable education for all children. Introducing a charter school in such close proximity could divert crucial funding and talent away from our public institutions, potentially jeopardizing the quality of education they provide. As a result, I urge careful consideration of the long-term impact such a move could have on the educational landscape of our district.

Sincerely,

Elyse Boyles

Thank you,

Elyse Boyles

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/5/2024 10:16:00 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Kyle Trost

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have concerns about the proposed use of the property as a school rather than its current church use. I have concerns about a charter school in Washington Township, where our public schools are thriving and need the funding they can get.

Thank you,

Kyle Trost

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/5/2024 10:48:06 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Lisa Kennedy

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. I strongly oppose the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Lisa Kennedy

Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/5/2024 10:51:04 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Brenda Dalton

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I oppose the rezoning of the property at 5136 Michigan Road. This proposed school, due to traffic concerns and the fact this school is not needed in Washington Township, would be an inappropriate use of tax payer funds. Our family strongly opposes the rezoning and will be following the proceedings carefully.

Thank you,

Brenda Dalton

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/6/2024 2:10:12 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Christina stinnette

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am concerned for the safety of this school site and its presence in Washington township causing further teacher shortages. I am concerned for the students who are promised big things from charter schools only to have them fail due to lack of proper planning and lack of true commitment to educating children.

Thank you,

Christina stinnette

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/7/2024 6:53:07 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Jay Horan

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I am in opposition of rezoning for the charter school.

Thank you,

Jay Horan

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/7/2024 2:08:05 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Christy Denault

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

A charter school is unnecessary as our district is well-served by Washington Township schools. I am opposed to this move.

Thank you,

Christy Denault

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/8/2024 9:12:59 AM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Amy Sermersheim

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I feel that Paramount has proceeded with this school in bad faith, skirting legal requirements and proceeding covertly.

They failed to hold required community meetings.

'Community comments' on their charter application were replicated from a South Bend charter application.

They failed to notify the school district.

They're proceeding with the project without securing the proper zoning, having purchased the property assessed at over \$1M with rezoning still pending.

They're recruiting students in WT via unsolicited text messages and promoting at Girl Scout events at the STEM Experience Center.

Thank you,

Amy Sermersheim

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/14/2024 12:19:45 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Laurel hess

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

(1) Concerns about the proposed use of the property as a school rather than its current church use;

Thank you,

Laurel hess

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/14/2024 9:23:28 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Cynthia Wright

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

This charter school is not needed in our township as our schools already provide an excellent STEM curriculum

Thank you,

Cynthia Wright

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/16/2024 6:25:41 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: DeAnna Poon

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I'm very concerned about allowing a charter school this near our public schools. I volunteer weekly at Greenbriar and see how strapped the school is for resources. I don't want it to be competing with a charter school. Please do not allow this new school to come into our district.

Thank you,

DeAnna Poon

Concerned Parent in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/18/2024 12:56:49 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Shenan Kroupa

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

MSDWT offers a firm STEM program for students of all genders and backgrounds. As a public school it presents STEM opportunities to all children and adolescents in their district that is diverse in economic, racial, and gender identities, and does not exclude due to learning difficulties. Our daughter graduated last year after a K-12 education in MSDWT. From the start, she experienced excellence in STEM education. Her kindergarten teacher is a nationally awarded STEM instructor and she participated in the district's Saturday Science Program. In Middle School she had the opportunity to take high school level Biology and Math courses. In High School, she had her choice of AP Science and Math classes, and she especially enjoyed Calculus and AP/IB Chemistry. This experience also allowed her Chemistry teacher nominate her for a summer science program through IUPUI in which she worked with a mentor from GlaxoSmithKline. She is currently in her first year at a selective East Coast women's college majoring in Biochemistry. If girls (or any children) want an outstanding STEM education, they already have access to it through our local public school.

Thank you,

Shenan Kroupa
Concerned Citizen in Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/18/2024 8:32:05 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: Carey Hamilton

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

As a State Representative serving a significant portion of Washington Township, I am writing to express my opposition to this rezoning request. In addition, to the real concerns many families have about road safety/increased traffic that would result should rezoning be approved, it is alarming that a charter school - approved elsewhere and not supported by the local public school community - could receive a zoning waiver from the City's MDC.

Please reach out to me via phone @ 317-233-5248 or via email @ carey.hamilton@iga.in.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Carey Hamilton

Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township

DATE: 2/19/2024 12:56:49 PM

TO: Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner – Marion County

FROM: State Senator Greg Taylor

RE: Rezone Proposal by Paramount Schools of Excellence in Washington Township

I have great concerns about Paramount meeting the legal requirements and their transparency. In addition, community-located issues arise. Trine is hours away from the district and has zero local engagement. There have been no community meetings which are required. 'Community comments' on their charter application were replicated from a South Bend charter application. They failed to notify the school district. They're proceeding with the project without securing the proper zoning, having purchased the property assessed at over \$1M with rezoning still pending. They're recruiting students in WT via unsolicited text messages and promoting at GSCI events at the STEM Experience Center. Both MSDWT and the local HOA, the Highland Kessler Civic League, are opposing the rezoning on a variety of issues. No one attending a meeting called by the HKCL in last month supported the school moving into our community. Further, Crooked Creek, Westlane, and multiple other high-performing schools are close by. Washington Township schools provide a wealth of STEM opportunities currently that are open and accessible to every student. We don't want or need this school in our district or to lose tax dollars currently funding only public education.

Thank you,

State Senator Greg Taylor

Concerned Elected Official serving Washington Township/Pike Township