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Dear Plan Commission,

Other cities are having great success with [School Streets programs](#), which limit vehicle traffic on the streets that schools front on. Wyoming/Comanche, a neighborhood street with low traffic volumes, could be a prime candidate for this.

So it's extra disappointing to see the school district pursuing a plan for this site that would take the opposite approach: inviting vehicle traffic onto school grounds, and introducing this suburban anti-pattern of the "child drive-thru" to a rapidly urbanizing part of Madison.

Multi-lane drive-thrus have become an increasing problem in Madison, particularly in our TOD zones for some reason (with another 7Brew Coffee incoming!), and we urgently need an ordinance to address it. The last thing we need is the city adding a multi-lane drive-thru to its own schools.

This feature [dehumanizes kids](#), and far from alleviating congestion, it [promotes hours-long idling](#). It will make the school approach more hostile to kids traveling actively to school, while [active travel to school is associated with better academic performance and concentration](#).

Eliminating the "child drive-thru" feature would remove child-vehicle conflict points, create a safer area for care-givers to pick up kids, and free up more of the school property for greenspace and recreation.

Thank you,

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