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Greetings Planning Commission:

I was very disappointed to see the plans for new school buildings on the North Side at the current Wyoming Way locations for both the elementary and middle schools that are there. These are serious concerns I have about the plans for the new school buildings:

1. Currently with 7 schools within about a 1-mile radius on the North side, and Madison School District enrollment of 25,000 stagnant for the past couple decades, and greatly reduced from the 1960s (when it was nearly 36,000 six decades ago!), are these multiple North side school building projects really necessary?

> Why not do renovations and/or additions to the existing buildings?

2. The plans for the new buildings - identified as "Wyoming Way" but actually closest to Wheeler Road - raise concerns. They seem much too closely placed to homes on Comanche Way and the condo buildings on Wheeler Road.

> Why not build them more centrally located in the very large open fields between the current school buildings and Wheeler Road, to minimize the visual encroachment to current homes?

3. With the current plans to move school-related traffic (i.e. school buses and drop-offs/pick-ups entries) from Wyoming Way to Wheeler Road, this may have a detrimental effect on Wheeler Road traffic flow, particularly with the current arrangement of 1 auto lane in either direction, curbside parking, traffic islands, and 2-way bicycle lanes. Along with Madison Metro buses, adding school traffic and school buses to Wheeler may cause major traffic problems in the mornings and afternoons on what is currently the main east-west road in the vicinity.

Thank you for your consideration,

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