Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Amy Miniya 6009 Roseberg Rd Madison, WI. 53719 Akt1253@aol.com 608-669-0925

Dear City of Madison Plan Commission,

I currently have two children enrolled at Madinah Academy of Madison. Madinah has been our school of choice for over nine years. We send our children to Madinah Academy because we want them to learn in an environment that reinforces our Islamic values. We also know they are getting a high-quality education while attending Madinah Academy. The future of the school is especially important to us.

I ask that you support the conditional use of 6501 Watts Road to allow Madinah Academy to relocate the school to that location. There are so many benefits to our children with the school relocating to the Watts Road building. The school will be able to expand enrollment, offer additional grades and be able to add more classrooms, a library, computer lab and other learning spaces. I believe that in approving this for conditional use you will positively impact the lives of countless children who are currently enrolled and to those who will someday attend Madinah Academy.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amy Miniya

From:	<u>FC</u>
То:	Plan Commission Comments
Subject:	Madinah Academy buikding proposal on Watts rd
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Good afternoon,

My children have been attending Madinah Academy for 6 years now. From interfaith potlucks and church yard sales, Madinah Academy has been the center of our community in ways big and small. Yes, it is a parochial school, but it is also much more. It is a place where new moms sat together for tea every Wednesday, it's the same place where parents trying to stay fit took group power walks and kept each other motivated.

After covid, it is where families needing basic supplies and food went. It's where confused parents found a community ready to support them in a fundamental community task: raising and educating our youth. Madinah Academy is the reason 2 VA doctors, a tooling engineer, a taxi-driver and a chef decided to keep their families in Madison: so that their children could receive the quality education provided at Madinah Academy.

We need a larger building. We have the ressources to make this new building on Watts Road code-compliant, we have been a school for over 15 years now and we have the experience to know what it means to be a good neighbor (park safely, don't block driveways, do respectful and safe drop-offs).

I understand that perhaps today we will not get the approval that we are really excited to hear "yes" on, but I hope the conversation will stay open and that we can continue to communicate with the city and neighbors on this project that is dear to so many hearts.

Parent of 4 Madinah students and a Madisoninan,

Felisia Couto

5/23/2021

Dania Shoukfeh 718 N Gammon Rd Madison, WI 53717 <u>dshoukfeh24@gmail.com</u> 608-332-5556 Dear City of Madison Plan Commission,

I am currently a resident of Dane County and a member of greater Madison muslim community. I work with young kids and am seeking an environment that reinforces our Islamic values and a high quality education while at the same time learn about their Islamic faith.

I am writing this letter to strongly support the conditional use of 6501 Watts Road to allow Madinah Academy to relocate the school to that location.

Sincerely Dania Shoukfeh

Abdulllahi hashi 3172 Muir Field Rd, Madison, WI 53719 <u>guutale12@gmail.com</u> 6513030133

I currently have 1 child enrolled at Madinah Academy of Madison. We send our children to Madinah Academy because we want a school who reflects our beliefs we also want them to learn in an environment that reinforces our Islamic values, and we want them to build relationships with other Muslim youth and we want them to get a high quality education while at the same time learn about their Islamic faith and we want them to attend a school where students come from diverse backgrounds.

I ask that you support the conditional use of 6501 Watts Road to allow Madinah Academy to relocate the school to that location. Our children will benefit from the school relocating to the Watts Road building because the building is across the street from a mosque which will allow students and staff to attend worship services, I believe that in approving this conditional use you will positively impact the lives of countless children who are currently enrolled and who will someday attend Madinah Academy.

Sincerely Abdullahi Hashi

## In Support of the Madinah Academy of Madison

May 21, 2021	
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## Hon'ble members of the City of Madison Planning Commission:

I am writing this letter to plead with the members of the City Planning Commission to approve the conditional use of 6501 Watts Road and allow Madinah Academy to relocate to this location.

As a parent, volunteer, and a supporter of Madinah Academy I have been associated with this organization since its establishment in the year 2004. The school had to relocate to a church after its original location was damaged in a fire in 2010. However, the school has been deprived of many essential resources while being at the church, the major one being the lack of a playground. My eldest son was enrolled in this school for 7 years until he had to enroll in Verona for his middle and high school grades. I currently have another child enrolled in the School in grade 3 and I plan to keep him enrolled until he finishes his elementary.

The Madinah Academy of Madison is the first and only Islamic school in Dane County. The purpose of having an Islamic school is to provide an education that is based on Islamic beliefs, principles, and values. These principles are: faith, wisdom, kindness, moderation, excellence, respect, responsibility, creativity, justice and worldliness. These principles are realized through Tarbiyyah, a nurturing unified methodology for holistic Islamic Education.

The future of the school is important to the people that adhere to the Islamic faith in the greater Madison area. I ask that you approve the conditional use of 6501 Watts Road and allow Madinah Academy to relocate to this location. Our kids will definitely benefit at this location because of its proximity to a mosque across the street. The school will be able to expand enrollment, offer more grades, add more classrooms, library, computer lab and most importantly a school playground. I strongly believe that by approving this conditional use you will positively impact the lives of countless children who plan to attend Madinah Academy.

Sincerely

Vaqar Adhami, PhD

05/21/2021

Maria Orozco 5627 Montadale St. Fitchburg, WI, 53711 macaoro@gmail.com 608-213-2439

Dear City of Madison Plan Commission,

I currently have 1 child enrolled at Madinah Academy of Madison. We send our child to Madinah Academy because we want her to get a high-quality education while at the same time learn about our Islamic faith and interact with kids from diverse backgrounds. The future of the school is important to us.

I ask that you support the conditional use of 6501 Watts Road to allow Madinah Academy to relocate the school to that location. Our child will benefit from the school relocating to the Watts Road building because the building is across the street from a mosque which will allow students and staff to attend worship services, and can add more classrooms, a library, computer lab and other learning spaces. I believe that in approving this conditional use you will positively impact the lives of countless children who are currently enrolled and who will someday attend Madinah Academy.

Sincerely,

Maria Orozco

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Date: 05/21/2021

Name: Mahad Ahmed. Address: 2426 Renaissance Dr, City: Fitchburg, State WI 53711. E-mail: <u>Mahadow02@gmail.com</u> Phone Number: 408-609-7098/ 608-440-4558

Dear City of Madison Plan Commission,

## (My name is Mahad Ahmed)

I currently have one child enrolled at Madinah Academy of Madison. we send our child to Madinah Academy because we want them to learn in an environment that reinforces our Islamic values, or we want them to build relationships with other Muslim youth, or we want them to get a high-quality education while at the same time learn about their Islamic faith, or, we want them to attend a school where students come from diverse backgrounds. The future of the school is important to us.

I am kindly asking that you support the conditional use of 6501 Watts Road to allow Madinah Academy to relocate the school to that location. Our children will benefit from the school relocating to the Watts Road building because the building is across the street from a mosque which will allow students and staff to attend worship services, or the school will be able to expand enrollment and offer more grades, or, the school can add more classrooms, a library, computer lab and other learning spaces.

I believe that in approving this conditional use you will positively impact the lives of countless children who are currently enrolled and who will someday attend Madinah Academy.

Sincerely Mahad Ahmed.