

Dear Sir or Madam,

My husband, four kids and I live in Al Marah, a community directly across from Holton Arms School. Our only entry way and exits are Burdette Road and Royal Dominion. These two streets are already heavily affected by Holton traffic daily. In addition to frequent backups on River Road, many Holton families and staff cut through Al Marah to avoid congestion, creating safety risks for children, walkers, and school buses.

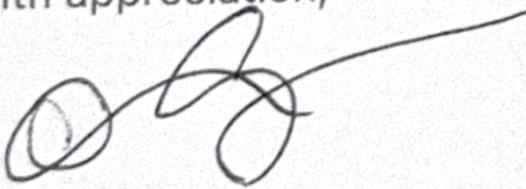
Holton's proposed expansion under CBA-1174-E would significantly worsen these problems. The plan would increase student enrollment from 670 to 870, expand summer camp enrollment from 665 to 970, and allow rentals of its facilities to groups of up to 870 people. By Holton's own admission, this could add hundreds of cars per day to an already overburdened roadway. On a September 9 Zoom call, despite strong opposition from neighbors, Holton refused to consider mandatory busing or carpooling—a common sense measures that other local private schools have successfully adopted. Instead, the school relies on "education and incentives," which will do little to reduce traffic once expansion is approved. This would not only harm our neighborhood but also intensify backups for all residents trying to access the Beltway from River Road.

Equally troubling, Holton proposes adding a dedicated left-turn lane out of Al Marah on Royal Dominion. This would invite even more cut-through traffic from Holton families, block residents attempting to turn right, and restrict community access during construction. It would also heighten risks for pedestrians and children boarding buses on our neighborhood streets.

Our family and neighbors are deeply concerned about the impacts on safety, accessibility, and property values. We strongly believe Holton should not be permitted to expand student or camp enrollment or rent its facilities to large groups. At a minimum, the school should be required to implement mandatory busing and enforce restrictions on cut-through traffic, as other private schools have responsibly done.

We respectfully ask for your help in opposing Holton's proposed expansion and in safeguarding the safety, access, and wellbeing of our community.

With appreciation,



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