

To: Ms. Robeson Hannan, OZAH

CC: All Parties of Record in Case #CBA-1174-E

From: Deborah Sonnenreich

Date: November 14, 2025

Subject: *Against* Proposed Holton Arms Expansion

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion plan for the Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland.

I have been a resident of the Al Marah neighborhood for 21 years and, during this time, have witnessed firsthand the significant traffic challenges that already impact our community. River Road is heavily congested on a daily basis, and the existing traffic generated by both Holton-Arms School and the Primary Day School already strains the neighborhood streets. We already experience a significant volume of parents, school staff, and student caregivers cutting through our neighborhood to beat the traffic lights or avoid waiting in the existing turning lane on River Road.

The proposed expansion would only worsen these conditions. I am specifically against any plans that include summer camp expansion, rental facilities, academic enrollment expansion, a dedicated turning lane, or the creation of overflow parking in the Primary Day School lot. These additions would inevitably funnel even more traffic directly into our community, which is particularly vulnerable given that there are only two entrances/exits into our neighborhood.

I cannot imagine how much more difficult traffic flow will become, not only for our neighborhood but for the many surrounding communities that depend on this already overburdened corridor.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reconsider this expansion plan to prevent further negative impacts on local residents. Our community simply cannot absorb the additional traffic and disruption that would result from any of the aforementioned expansion elements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deborah Sonnenreich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" and last name "Sonnenreich" clearly distinguishable.

Deborah Sonnenreich

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