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Dear Ms. Kurtz:

We received your letter dated November 14, 2006 with an update of your plans for expansion. It's been 6 months since we received any direct communications from MSNV concerning these plans. You expressed a desire to avoid speculation and rumor in this matter and that's good. However several HTOCA Board members have called different MSNV staff for an update on your plans and have gotten 3 different reports:

1. One said that you were going to move ahead with expansion and begin the paperwork in December of 2006.
2. Another said that "MSNV has found 5 acres in the area that they are seriously looking at to buy, with building & development probably 2 years from now before moving"
3. And then finally someone at MSNV said you are probably going to stay and expand but we will not be filing the papers in December.

And then we received your letter; which unfortunately is still vague and lacking substantial detail. It was more a marketing letter for MSNV, a justification for your plans and an intimation that the school was here first and the community was built around it then a true update.

It's important for MSNV to realize that traffic, while a very important issue with our community, is by no means the only consideration. As you say in your letter "...there are many unanswered questions in all aspects of building at this site." One of those questions is still the unsettled issue of a VDOT cul-de-sac requirement that could mean the loss of property for the two adjacent properties (ours and our neighbor's.)

While we appreciate the fact that you value the natural beauty of our neighborhood, the physical plant expansion required to accommodate a 50% increase of student population will in fact destroy the nature of our neighborhood experience. Your commercial building will now be wider and two stories, making it far less compatible to our houses, and far more obvious that it is a commercial operation. Cutting very old trees, changing water shed topography, adding more traffic congestion and presenting a looming commercial building enterprise significantly damages and negatively transforms the nature of this neighborhood. Our property is sandwiched between MSNV and an assisted living home run by "Potomac Homes Assisted Living" already affecting our cherished residential flavor.

As for a traffic committee, we were not asked to join but would consider as long as this committee addresses current traffic issues to control speeding, backups and most

of all blocking driveways I would prefer this committee be under the auspices of the Hillbrook/TallOaks Civic Association. Please forward your committee charter to us and a list of members.

Like your school parents, our parents and our neighbors want the best for their families. We appreciate your recognizing the value of our neighborhood's natural beauty. MSNV has been allowed to share in this beauty by agreeing to live by its original limiting Special Exception. MSNV's plans reflect a growing, expanding business operation. As such, your commercial desires (while understandable from a business perspective) are now incompatible with our neighborhood and the Special Exception that allows you to operate.

In 1993 MSNV promised not to expand (period) in return for neighbors dropping their opposition, and your plans then went forward, greatly restricted by the county. Our neighborhood expects you to honor your commitment and respect the residents of Hillbrook/TallOaks. If you can't, then The Montessori School of Northern Virginia must find a more compatible location.

Respectfully,



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