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Subject: FW: [External] Safety Concern
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Hi Art – please see below for resident concerns about the new day care being planned – let me know if I should route somewhere else. Thanks!

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From: Julie Straseske <itriumphstill@gmail.com>
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To the Department of Public Works:

I love children. I love day cares and schools. I love our city.

It is because I love these things that I am writing to you. It is not to complain or to shut anyone out. It is because these things are worth protecting, especially our children.

As a parent of three children who attend St. John's Wauwatosa, I am very concerned to hear of plans to start a day care center across the street from our school. Again, I support day cares and wish this business the best of luck. But I think it would be dangerous (and very inconvenient) to establish a day care at this location.

As things currently stand, this intersection (Harmonee into Harwood/Dewey, leading downhill into public parking) is insanely busy between 7:30-8:00 a.m. and 2:45-3:15 p.m. As day care parents would likely be driving into this area at the same time, I cannot imagine the amount of traffic within those periods. I walk my 8-year-old, 5-year-old, and 3-year-old into school during that busy morning period. I am on high alert. Most drivers are courteous and conscientious, but there are times where someone is not paying attention and I need to stop my child before crossing the street or even passing a driveway on the sidewalk. There are dozens of other parents trying to navigate this current situation with children who are also two, three, or four years old. It can be scary and does not feel like the safest way to begin our day. This is compounded by the need to regularly use the public lot —we are grateful for it, but it extends the tricky/traffic-ridden walk. And of course this situation is much scarier in the winter when you factor in the snow and ice. I want my children to be in as safe an environment as possible. I want this for the other children who attend St. John's. And I want this for other children. I do not believe children at this proposed day care would be entering into an optimally safe environment, and it would be in their best interest to attend day care in a less dangerous area.

While this is far less important than safety concerns, this proposed day care location would also present a significant inconvenience—not only for St. John's parents, but others who commute within this area (residents, parents driving their children to other schools, employees on their morning commutes, etc.). As I'm sure you are aware, the area already becomes significantly congested as things currently stand. Again, I can't imagine the increase of traffic if this day care is established at the proposed location. It is obvious that close parking would simply not be available for all parents

during these busy windows, and it is obvious that asking parents to park/walk a great distance is not a convenient (or safe) option for parents and our children.

I acknowledge that a large portion of the current traffic is indeed due to our school. We as parents of St. John's would be grateful to work together with the city to improve safety measures and implement new procedures/precautions so that we can have greater confidence in our children's ability to walk into school without incident. What would be the procedure to request crossing guards, more signs/flashing lights, more crosswalks, or even a temporary police presence? We want to be a part of improving safety in this area.

I am so grateful for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

Julie Straseske

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