

May 11, 2022

Melissa A. Williams, President  
Washington County Board of Education  
10435 Downsville Pike  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**RE: Chase Six Boulevard – Campus Drive Realignment & Intersection Project**

Dear President Williams,

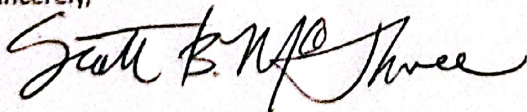
My name is Scott McIlwee and I'm the property owner of 202 Maple Avenue, Boonsboro, MD. I've been working with State Highway, Potomac Edison, WCPS Staff, Town Staff, and the Fletcher's Grove Developer (Jim Draper) to ensure the next phase of residential development, across Maple Avenue from campus, includes a traffic light and crosswalks. I have agreed to exchange parcels of land, of equal size or greater, with the neighboring BOE's educational complex, to allow the realignment of Campus Drive.

I'm active and involved in this project because I'm concerned about the safety of children and pedestrians. Maple Avenue / Route 66 is a very busy road. Every day, thousands of vehicles pass my property, on their way to/from Hagerstown. Oftentimes, motorists are traveling much faster than the posted 30 MPH speed limit and there's no crosswalk to safely get students to/from school. I often see children running across the road and an accident is inevitable if we don't work to improve safety and better control traffic. With 100+ more homes planned across the street, this problem will get a lot worse.

At 202 Maple Avenue, I own a single-family rental home and I use the rear of the lot for my landscaping business, Bee Landscaping. Speaking recently with the Boonsboro Town Manager, it was discussed that WCPS Staff were interested in only purchasing my property, rather than completing a land swap we've been planning since December 2021. I am opposed to a simple purchase and a land swap is mandatory if I'm to continue to be involved. I'm in full support of this project. I think it's very important, now, and will be even more important, as the Town grows; but my livelihood shouldn't be impacted to accomplish such an important community project, that's been a long time coming. I'm not interested in any financial gains from this transaction. I'd simply like an equal-size-or-greater property swap, moved or replaced buildings, and all other existing appurtenances transferred to the new lot.

I am in full support of a lighted intersection connecting Chase Six Boulevard and Campus Drive. We need a safe pedestrian crossing and a lighted intersection. Thanks very much and let's finish this project! Please call or email with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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