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Good Afternoon Lisa Estrin,

At its March 1, 2023 business meeting, the Gresham-Barlow School District (GBSD) board of directors adopted Resolution 2023-09 in opposition to the Portland Water Bureau's (PWB) planned water treatment facility in the vicinity of Dodge Park and Cottrell Roads. This decision was made after GBSD staff met with PWB staff and after several meetings with our stakeholders.

The reasons for opposition are 1) no plan to ensure student and community safety, 2) no plan to mitigate traffic concerns, and 3) no plan for running buses while roads are torn open to lay pipe. GBSD recognizes that PWB has stated that safety and being good neighbors are priorities, but priority statements are not plans. When GBSD staff met with PWB staff, misleading information was provided, and GBSD concerns and recommendations were largely ignored. All three GBSD staff members left the meeting with the impression that this is a fully approved project already in motion and that we were not there to develop plans, but instead, PWB was simply giving us a "heads up" about what was coming.

When direct suggestions were made as to how PWB could be good neighbors and ensure safety, we were informed that PWB's consultants had done (or would do) a thorough analysis and did not think there would be issues with the current, tentative plans. We humbly and respectfully disagree. It should go without saying, but a school district that has operated schools in Multnomah County for more than a century and has recently completed \$350 million dollars of construction projects has a higher level of expertise and awareness of the issues than an outside consultant with no such experience.

GBSD cannot support this project unless and until we see:

1. actual plans for risk mitigation and traffic congestion mitigation during construction and ongoing operation
2. an actual plan for how we can meet our legal obligation to provide safe transportation to all students while roads are closed
3. an actual plan for mitigating the risk of transporting hazardous materials on roads adjacent to our schools
4. an actual plan for providing roadways that can accommodate the increased heavy vehicles (during construction and ongoing operation) as well as safe walking paths adjacent to those roads.

Thank you for reading my email and for the record, this resolution unanimously was approved by our school board at our March 1, 2023 board business meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Take care and be well.

Respectfully,

**James Hiu***Superintendent*

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