



OREGON TRAIL ACADEMY

An International Baccalaureate World School K-5
An Inquiry-Based Middle School 6-8



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Dear Clackamas County Board of Commissioners,

Picture your elementary school. An American flag flying out front, a playground – the sound of children's voices as they play tag – a teacher welcoming you in for the day, a bell ringing as you sit down at your desk. Pencils across paper, keys on a keyboard, the teacher's voice.

These sounds and sights are what you would see and hear if you visited Oregon Trail Academy, an International Baccalaureate World School, where students from kindergarten through eighth grade are taught to be world citizens and take care of themselves, each other, and the environment around them.

However, all of this is at stake with the possibility of Portland Water Bureau using an access road that is mere FEET away from our school's front door and recess yard.

If Portland Water Bureau is granted an easement to use the adjacent dirt road to haul in cement and chemicals while hauling out fill dirt and waste, the sound pollution alone would cause many students to go into sensory overload, making it impossible for them to focus on learning how to read. A lead engineer for PWB was noted to say that the "noise and vibration from the pile driving during construction would make it very difficult to live around it". How would we be able to conduct normal school activities if the lead engineer noted that the impacts would be so great that no one would even want to live here? The close proximity of the road is a grave concern.

Once the construction is over, that doesn't mean the sound pollution would end – our school would constantly be bombarded by heavy trucking sounds as PWB uses and maintains the facility. The additional heavy truck traffic would converge at the vertex of a complex intersection where Bluff, Proctor, and 362nd all meet.

I was working one afternoon and heard a horrific sound of metal scraping, screeching, and thuds rolling. I was one of the first people on the scene of a terrible accident only yards away from our school where a car took the triple intersection corner too fast and rolled multiple times. We do not need to add another entry point to the already-confusing intersection, where up to 200 heavy semi trips would be made every day. One wrong move, one glare of the sun, and a carload of students could die. This project is not worth that risk. It is a risk that will not go away once the construction is finished. It would hinder Oregon Trail Academy forever.

Thank you, Board of Commissioners, for your time and consideration. Please use your power to stop the PWB project and protect the lives and learning of our students at Oregon Trail Academy.

Respectfully, Emily Hafer, Director

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