

To: Unit Facilities Committee c/o Chris Kloeppe

I live on Green Street near Edison Middle School. It has recently come to my attention that a study is being done to assess the possibilities of expanding the Edison facility to meet future educational needs. I'm concerned about the impact an expansion would have on the neighborhood with respect to the environment, make-up and life-style it currently enjoys.

I understand the need for continued growth of educational facilities. I understand the concept of land banking to meet those future needs. But I also understand the potential negative changes to a neighborhood with regards to the exiting of long-time residents, the destruction of existing buildings, the invasive nature of large construction projects, the increased traffic generated by those projects, the burden on infrastructure and the permanent changes to the pattern of everyday life in the area that surrounds the expansion.

In short, I am not in favor of an expansion of the Edison facility across Prairie Street.

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