

Via email to: Katelyn Menuge, City of Boise Design Review Planner, <u>kmenuge@cityofboise.org</u> Mindy Wallace, ACHD Planner III, <u>mwallace@achdidaho.org</u>

Re: Dallas Harris Elementary School Drop-off and Pick-up Zone Design

Dear Katelyn and Mindy:

For several years, Barber Valley Neighborhood Association (BVNA) has been engaged with the Boise School District (BSD) team and their consultants on all aspects of the planning and design of the Dallas Harris Elementary School. We are grateful for the opportunity for a neighbor, and now member of our board, to contribute to the process and the resultant design that has now been completed and submitted to the agencies.

We have become aware that a concern has recently developed regarding the proposed parent drop-off and pick-up method and associated design. There are currently 5 schools within the Boise School District that have the same type of zones (Washington Elementary, Longfellow Elementary, North Junior High, Boise High School, and Collister Elementary) that should serve as a precedent for the proposed DHE design.

BVNA strongly recommends that ACHD and BSD work together to develop a circulation plan for the school site, a position we have formally suggested since 2019.

After consideration of this matter at our April board meeting, the BVNA board voted to support the BSD's currently proposed on-street design, which we feel is appropriate for an urban setting. Please accept this letter as support of their proposal for school development in Harris Ranch without delay.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do for the city on behalf of its residents.

Barber Valley Neighborhood Association Board

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