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Re: Dallas Harris Elementary School Boundary Plan

Dear Members of the Boise School District Board of Trustees:

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 member of our board to contribute to the process and the resultant design that has now been completed and submitted to the agencies.

We appreciate the efforts made by BSD staff to communicate the Boundary Change Proposal. The numerous venues in which the boundary map was displayed, the website FAQ's, and the social media outreach, aided in gathering opinions of our neighbor-members in the Barber Valley. The inclusion of numerous stakeholders from the community, BSD, the City, and ACHD, streamlined this process to encourage and ensure opinions were presented.

Once again, the BVNA strongly urges the BSD, the City, and ACHD to work together to develop a circulation plan for the school site, a position we have formally suggested since 2019. Specifically, the safety aspects of bike lanes that are to be utilized by students biking to school must be evaluated. If the goal is to have over 40% of the students arriving on bike or foot, the need for safe routes is mandatory and we don't believe this has been sufficiently addressed to date.

The BVNA is excited to see the Dallas Harris Elementary School come to fruition after many years of planning. Please accept this letter as support of the current boundary proposal.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do for the community.

Regards,  
Barber Valley Neighborhood Association Board

CC: BVNA Board Members

Dallas Harris Elementary Boundary Change Proposal  
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