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Re: Sand Creek ES- Variance Application

Dear Mr. Harlicker:

On behalf of Independent School District 11, we are providing this narrative to support the District's application for a variance to reduce the 20-foot setback along the west side of Olive Street NW to 5 feet for parking expansion at Sand Creek Elementary School. We are proposing to align the new parking expansion area with existing parking stalls which abut Olive Street.

Currently, the school is without enough parking spaces to accommodate all staff members. On any given day, the school is 5-7 spaces short for staff. When parents, volunteers, and visitors are added to the mix, the problem is exacerbated, with some parents now parking in non-identified spots which block their special education buses at the end of the day. When there is an event during the school day to which parents are invited, it is mass chaos.

Presently, there is no parking allowed on Olive Street since it is such a narrow, residential street. The only overflow option is 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue where cars have been parking each day, but it is quite a long walk, especially for our senior volunteers, and it is a busy street.

The proposed parking expansion would allow all staff to find a place to park each day, including itinerants, and would free up space in the existing parking lot (closest to the main entrance) for parents, visitors, and volunteers during the school day.

If you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

*Anderson-Johnson Associates, Inc.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jay R. Pomeroy, LLA

attachments

cc: Steve Anderson - ISD 11  
Doug Bonar - ISD 11  
Paul Anderson - Principal, Sand Creek ES