



Ledyard Public Schools

Administrative Offices

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT
Planning & Zoning Commission
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

11 December 2024

Re: PZ#24-8SUP & PZ#24-9CAM

Ledyard Public Schools and the Ledyard Board of Education have received inquiries related to the proposed operations in close proximity to three of our school buildings, particularly regarding Planning and Zoning matters PZ#24-8SUP and PZ#24-9CAM.

We trust that the Commission is addressing concerns regarding increased traffic caused by heavy equipment during school hours and its potential impact on the Route 12 corridor. While Ledyard Public Schools has not been contacted or consulted on this or any related matter by the applicant, it has been brought to my attention that the application includes recommendations concerning traffic impacts, specifically referencing the "Route 12 at Gales Ferry School Driveway."

We understand and share the traffic concerns of community residents, parents, staff, and our transportation providers. As you may recall, in 2019, the Town of Ledyard and the Board of Education completed a "renovate as new project" at Ledyard Middle School. This project included a site circulation plan carefully designed to optimize traffic flow for the three schools located on the property. Upon reviewing the submitted recommendations, I must express significant concern and disagreement with the included proposal that recommends eliminating the established entry and exit points, as was outlined in the F.A. Hesketh document included in the application.

While additional concerns are being raised, I want to express my appreciation to the Commission for thoroughly reviewing all information related to potential environmental, structural, or operational impacts on our Gales Ferry Campus. This includes assessments of potential impacts on air quality, noise levels, and other effects from blasting and excavation activities.

Thank you for your continued service to the community and for your diligence in ensuring these projects do not compromise in any way the health, safety, or well-being of our students, staff, and the larger community.

Sincerely,

Jason S. Hartling
Superintendent of Schools