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RE:

Letter of Explanation

Application for Category 2B Development Plan With Variance and Street Closure Application

## Dear David:

I am pleased to provide the following information as support and explanation for the Street Closure Application.

## History

Meredith-Dunn School was founded in 1971, by Shirley Meredith and David Dunn, as a tutorial service for three part-time students. These much needed services were soon expanded to include evaluations, additional tutoring, Saturday classes, and a summer remedial program. By 1978, a full day private school was operational. In 1997, the school program was accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS). Today, Meredith-Dunn School enrollment equals up to 200 students, from 23 different zip codes in the metropolitan Louisville area and surrounding counties.

## **Existing Conditions**

Currently Meredith-Dunn School occupies what was once known as the Melbourne Heights Elementary School, located at 3023 Melbourne Avenue. The singular parcel of ground the main school occupies is 2.56 acres. The existing building footprint is approximately 19,775 s.f. and has 25 classrooms. The proposed addition is approximately 9,850 s.f. and will be a multi-use facility for activities such as lunchroom, gymnasium assemblies and performances.



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## Street Closure

In addition to the 2.56 acres parcel the main building occupies, the school has acquired 5 lots on the north side of Rosemont Avenue. These houses have been converted to Annex Buildings and used for such activities as; classrooms, library, music rooms and after school care. The application to close a portion of Rosemont Avenue is requested with a purpose of creating a campus environment for the students and faculty. The safety risks in crossing Rosemont, although traffic volume is very light, are the schools primary concern. In closing the roadway, further changes can be made to the look, feel and function of the roadway and transform the annex buildings into an integrated campus setting with the existing building and proposed building expansion.

Your consideration in this matters is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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