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Subject: Dr. Howard Site Plan

Unit 4 School Board:

I truly appreciate your efforts in the renovation of Dr. Howard and Central High School.

It appears that you have carefully considered all aspects of the site, neighborhood, and traffic for both schools. I appreciate that nearby houses and families have been considered, and the school plan looks like a huge improvement to both sites. I appreciate that it will continue to increase walkability in Champaign, keep families in this area a significant portion of the population, and the reinvestment in our community where it is needed most. As a long-time resident of the Central-Dr. Howard neighborhood, I feel strongly that reinvestment in the resources in these areas is not only appreciated, but also necessary. Also, as a resident that has personally invested in this neighborhood, in a very old house that was in great need of up-keep, I appreciate the consideration of our historical buildings, and I am very much in favor of demolishing them as needed to continue to improve the neighborhood with improved schools.

I would like to especially encourage the four-way stop at James and University, as seen on the Dr. Howard site plan, as I'm certain this will help with traffic flow, encourage safety and watchful driving, and reduce the need for the police presence often assisting at that intersection.

I would also like to encourage a second four-way stop at McKinley and University, which would ensure that the school-zone speed stays low, encouraging through-travelers to keep on high alert and off cell-phones, as well as providing a much-needed safety measure at a often dangerous intersection, between two very wide, but pedestrian-heavy roads. As a resident in the 1000 block of University Ave, I often see accidents and speeding, as well as increased police presence to counter those issues, and I am certain that a four-way stop at this point will benefit the school, the neighborhood, and the city.

Thank you for your service and for your time,

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