

## Andover School District

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Mr. Jed Larson Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission 17 School Road Andover, CT 06232

Chair Larson,

I write to you today on behalf of the Andover Elementary School Board of Education in our objection, in part, to the proposed zoning regulation changes regarding the school property located at 35 School Road in Andover. Our objection relates specifically to the proposed change of removing the term "Schools" from section 5a.0.1 and including Andover Elementary as part of the broader term "Municipal Land Uses."

After much discussion, the Andover Elementary School Board of Education stands united in that there are sufficient differences between municipal and school properties as it relates to the safety of our students, and the student's education from both a legal and policy perspective, and that the inclusion of the school from a zoning perspective as a municipal building is not in the school's or the community's best interest. We ask the Planning and Zoning Commission to retain section 5a.0.1 of the zoning code as is with the term "Schools" separately identified under Special Permit Uses of the Andover Rural Design District.

We are supportive of the other proposed zoning changes as they align with the current and proposed uses of other town buildings in accordance with zoning regulations.

Respectfully

Dr. Chris J Bernard, Vice-chair

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On Behalf of the Andover Board of Education