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Re: Virtual Public Hearing for support for Detroit Waldorf School, Outdoor Classrooms

From: Carol and John Wood, parents and Detroiters

To Whom it May Concern:

We live in Detroit (48224) Zip Code, and are parents of a Student at the Detroit Waldorf School. The past two years, the outdoor classrooms have provided our son with many great opportunities for learning in a safe environment (during COVID), as well as using the amazing space that this provided all of the students.

When we knew that these structures were being professionally designed and built by our own parent volunteers, we were on board with supporting the project financially and in other ways. Our son has greatly benefited from this experience, and we have seen this across the board with Detroit Waldorf Students and Staff.

Not only did our parents and staff put in "sweat equity" for this, it was also very carefully planned that not any of the beautiful trees or shrubs were affected, and were preserved for this endeavor. Our shelters recently have provided opportunities for community engagement in our "Story Telling" festival which was held completely outdoors, and will attract others to our neighborhood and school. We also recently enjoyed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade play, outside, an event where parents and grandparents were invited because our school could ensure a safe place for us to gather.

This is to show our support of Detroit Waldorf School's outdoor classrooms, which we are hoping to use and be able to come back for Waldorf and Community Events for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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